



## DRUGS IN SPORT POLICY

The Spotswood Football Club Inc. (SFC), is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all and strengthening the good reputation of Australian Rules Football, the WRFL competition and the SFC, through ensuring that the competition is conducted on the basis of athletic prowess and natural levels of fitness & development.

This Drugs in Sport Policy has been developed to meet the requirements outlined by Australian Drug Foundation 'Good Sports' program, the AFL and WRFL rules on drugs in sport (particularly the ASADA Act, NAD Scheme and AFL Anti-Doping Code), and has been approved by the SFC Board.

The SFC condemns the use of illegal drugs, banned performance enhancing substances and other doping and drug taking practices and methods in sport as both dangerous to the health of competitors and contrary to the ethics of sport. It recognises the need to take strong and positive action to eliminate any drug taking and/or doping practices.

All SFC Board Directors, Committee Members, Administrative Officials, Coaches, Support Staff, Volunteers, Members, Players (in and out of competition), and Spectators will maintain the following standards whilst undertaking approved SFC activities, attending any approved SFC functions or participating in and/or watching SFC games by the adhering to the following:

- The manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of an illegal drug, drug paraphernalia or controlled substances (as defined in the WADA Prohibited List), is strictly prohibited.
- The abuse of any prescribed drugs and controlled substances, and the use of any steroids or other performance enhancing substances is also prohibited.
- Anyone who is medically required to use prescribed drugs or controlled substances for a chronic condition must give written notification to the SFC.
- Where circumstances are such that the use of drugs may have been a contributing factor to a serious safety or other incident, the SFC may invoke post incident drug testing on the relevant persons. Any such testing will be completed by an approved medical practitioner and with the consent of the person or guardian.
- The SFC will display this policy prominently within SFC facilities and promote this policy regularly by including in newsletters, websites and printed communications.
- The SFC will participate in the Good Sports program and maintain our Level 3 accreditation.

Any knowledge of, or breaches to this Drugs in Sport Policy, may involve attendance by the relevant parties at an internal hearing convened by the SFC Board where further evidence and reports may be sought and judgments delivered which may include; a written warning, suspension, deregistration, membership cancellation, fines or referral to relevant authorities.

Also, the AFL, WRFL or ASADA may at its discretion require any party to participate in sampling and testing or the attendance at interviews and investigations or provide written or oral information as required.

Further, the SFC Board will also have at its discretion, the right to offer, request or require attendance by the relevant person(s) to nominated medical provider(s), an approved counselling program, an approved rehabilitation program or an approved education program as deemed necessary or recommended.

Any and all particulars of a breach of this policy will at all times remain confidential and no general public comment or media response will be made by anyone unless nominated by the SFC Board.

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