



Policy Title:	<b>ALCOHOL AND DRUGS POLICY</b>		
Policy Number:	AADP-002	Effective Date:	23 Jan 2017
Purpose:	To minimise the harm arising from alcohol and other drug use and to promote health by encouraging the moderate and responsible use of alcohol and to not tolerate the use of any illicit drug and excessive use of alcohol.		

## INTRODUCTION

This policy covers the personal use of alcohol and illicit drugs, generally for recreational and social purposes.

Note: It is acknowledged by the Club Committee that members may have prescribed drugs as part of a personal health plan. Any prescribed drug must only be taken by the person that has been prescribed the drug. It will be deemed a breach of this policy should this be found to be otherwise.

### Commitment

Rosebud Heart Soccer Club is committed to excellence on and off the pitch and to the health and wellbeing of all members-players, officials and supporters. The use of alcohol and other drugs is a major health and social issue in Australian society today. Therefore, the club will attempt at all times to minimise the harm arising from alcohol and other drug use and to promote health by encouraging the moderate and responsible use of alcohol and to not tolerate the use of any illicit drug and excessive use of alcohol.

### Members or their guests under the influence

A member, or their guest, participating in practices, matches, utilising the club facilities, attending any club function who is under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs is a danger to themselves and other members.

The danger may be either physical through affected co-ordination or aggression through reduced emotional control. Drug or alcohol consumption by a player prior to a game or practice session can have a major impact on performance and decision-making. There will be a zero tolerance should any player turn up to a match or training session under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.

### Alcohol consumption

Underage members will not be able to purchase or consume alcohol under any circumstances. Members who are 18 or older will be permitted to purchase and consume alcohol when on club premises (subject to the club gaining the appropriate liquor licence), visiting opposition venues, attending any social event or gathering or any other sanctioned club event. Any person found buying alcohol for an underage person when on club premises, visiting opposition venues, attending any social event or gathering or any other sanctioned club event, will be in breach of this policy and face appropriate disciplinary action. Players are not permitted to consume alcohol at any stage during a game or practice session under any circumstances. (\*Applies only when adult teams are playing at the same time as juniors otherwise Alcohol is banned during junior matches)

### The use of, promotion or selling of illicit drugs

No member shall be allowed to use, promote or sell any illicit drugs when on club premises, visiting opposition venues, attending any social event or gathering or any other sanctioned club event.

### Breaches of the Policy

In the event that a breach of any of the above policies is brought to the attention of the club committee, the committee shall, as soon as practical after the incident(s), meet and discuss the breach (es). Where necessary, the member, and if required the member's parent(s) or guardian(s), will be required to attend before the club committee, or a disciplinary panel appointed by the club committee, to explain their behaviour. The Rosebud Heart Club Committee may, by resolution, issue a written warning, suspend or expel a member of the club (or not permit a person associated with the member from attending the club) that is found to have breached this policy. The club committee may also advise any relevant authority as deemed appropriate.

**It is a Rosebud Heart Soccer Club requirement that all members upon signing registration documentation hereby agree to the attached Code of Conduct and Alcohol and Drugs Policy.**