



YYNFNC Illicit Drugs Policy 2019

PURPOSE

Yallourn Yallourn North Football Netball club aims to provide a safe and supportive AFL culture that protects people against a range of health-related risks, including the use of illegal drugs. The organisation aims to provide a culture where players, officials, members, supporters, families and all other members of the community can connect and engage in meaningful and positive relationships.

Yallourn Yallourn North Football Netball Club has an expectation that all senior players will at all times project themselves as positive mentors and role models when in the presence of junior players and when representing the club in the broader community.

THE DRUG POLICY

It is the intention of YYNFNC to be vigilant and proactive in relation to this policy. All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure compliance with this policy and that the activities of the members, players, officials and supporters of YYNFNC comply with acceptable community standards and the law. Illicit drug use by any club member, player, official and/or supporter, in circumstances that fall within the scope of this Drug Policy, will not be tolerated.

No YYNFNC member, player, official or supporter may possess, use, or supply an illegal drug: (a) within the vicinity of the club rooms; (b) anywhere in the grounds or extremities of the Geroge Bates Reserve; (c) inside any club house, immediately outside any club house, car park or anywhere within the boundaries of any particular reserve where YYNFNC players are training or playing; and (d) at any other time or place where a YYNFNC member, player, official or supporter may, in the specific circumstances of the case, lead a reasonable person to make a direct connection between the possession, supply or use of an illegal drug and the YYNFNC .

Use or Possession

It is the policy of the YYNFNC that sanctions to be applied for the use or possession of unlawful drugs shall, where appropriate, be on a graduated basis. The policy of the YYNFNC Management Committee, in relation to sanctions to be applied to the use or possession of a dangerous drug, in the 'relevant circumstances' referred to above, will usually be as follows: (a) first time – warning and reminder of club policy on drug use; (b) second time – suspension for a designated time; and (c) third time – expulsion. Despite the above the YYNFNC has complete discretion in relation to the imposition of a sanction in every case. When a breach, or suspected breach, of this policy involves a player, the Disciplinary Committee will liaise with the relevant person and their family, with the intent of agreeing on participation by the player in structured drug counseling or a mutually acceptable drug education program.

Agreed by YYNFNC Committee June 2019