

# GOOD SPORTS JUNIOR POLICY

(Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Smoking, Healthy Eating & Spectator Behaviour)

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## Kangaroos Brothers AFC, Rockhampton

### 1. PURPOSE

The intention of this policy is to outline our procedures at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

### 2. RATIONALE

This Policy provides a basis for Kangaroos Brothers AFC be a positive influence on younger club members and make the club a safe and healthy place for members and families to play and enjoy Little Athletics. The Policy also assists our club to:

- Meet our duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and visitors who attend our club games, events, functions and other activities.
- Uphold the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understand and reduce the risks associated with alcohol, illegal drugs, smoking, food safety and inappropriate behaviour.

### 3. ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT

Our club will ensure that:

- Junior players are not permitted to drink alcohol at our club facilities or at any club events, activities or presentations.
- Alcohol will not be available for sale or allowed to be consumed during junior competition, including at additional and special competitions.
- Alcohol will not be served during junior club functions and presentations or in the presence of juniors at junior club functions and presentations.
- Alcohol brands and products will not be advertised by our club and will not be placed on junior apparel.
- Alcohol will not be provided as awards and 'thank-you's' to adults at junior presentations.
- Alcohol will not be used as fundraising prizes by our club.

#### **4. Illegal Drugs**

Illegal drugs is defined as “a substance that is not permitted to be taken or used according to state or national laws such as cannabis (marijuana), amphetamines (speed and “ice”), ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and a range of new psycho-active substances known as synthetic drugs. This policy does not apply to pharmaceutical drugs or performance enhancing drugs (unless they are captured in the above definition).

Kangaroos Brothers AFC does not allow the use, distribution or selling of illegal drugs by any club member or any visitors within our club’s jurisdiction.

The committee will investigate all illegal drug-related concerns or incidents in a timely and discreet manner. Once all relevant facts and circumstances are known, the president will recommend appropriate approaches and/or disciplinary measures to the club committee based on the guiding principles outlined in club document responding to Illegal drugs.

#### **5. SMOKING MANAGEMENT**

Our club recognises that second-hand tobacco smoke is hazardous to people's health. Non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Accordingly:

- All junior events will be promoted as smoke-free, regardless of where they are held.
- No-smoking signage and/or signage promoting the event as smoke-free will be displayed around our club.

#### **6. SAFE TRANSPORT**

Kangaroos Brothers AFC recognises mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely. Driving when over the legal blood alcohol limit is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community.

If any committee members, members, players or officials are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, our club will take steps to help them get home safely. For example, offer them a ride home or call a taxi or sober person to collect them.

#### **7. HEALTHY EATING**

Our club recognises that consumption of healthy food and drink can contribute to good health and well-being and also supports good performance on the field. Our club is committed to providing and promoting safe and healthy food and drink options and will implement the following strategies:

- Water will be promoted as the drink of choice.
- Healthy food and drink options, including provision of snacks at half time or after the game, fundraising items, rewards and prizes, will be promoted to club members and visitors.

#### **8. SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR**

Our club is committed to creating a safe, respectful and positive club environment where players, officials, members and families can thrive. Parents, associate members or others who have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Conduct and policies, including this Policy, who have behaved inappropriately, may face disciplinary action.

**Accordingly, all parents of junior players and visitors are required to:**

- Respect the referee's decisions – don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that children participate for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other duty officials at all times.
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol.
- Not use unsportsmanlike language, harass others or behave aggressively.

## **9. PROMOTING THIS POLICY**

Our club will:

- Promote the policy regularly via social media, The Pouch (home game publication), club website, gate signage, posters in restrooms and change rooms, coach and manager communication and game day notices.

## **10. NON-COMPLIANCE**

Club committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken.
- Be fair and reasonable and will focus on the safety and welfare of those directly and indirectly involved.
- Be based on the evidence and information gathered and the impact on the club, other members, players, patrons, visitors and the community.
- Take into account the age and personal circumstances of the people involved.

## **11. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

**SIGNATURES:**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Wyatt".

Club President

Date: 14 April 2023

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Belz".

Club Secretary

Date: 14 April 2023

Next policy review date is **1 December 2023**.

**ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR POLICY:**

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