

Good Sports Policy

(Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Smoking & Safe Transport)

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the position on providing smoke free environments, and also outlines the position on events that may include alcohol to ensure QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs continue to provide a safe and healthy place for families to practise and enjoy the disciplines of Kendo, Iaido, and Jodo. This policy also ensures committees and members understand the position regarding illegal drugs and how to safely respond to a drug-related incident within its jurisdiction.

This policy applies to QKR Inc. (State-run events) and all affiliated clubs, members, volunteers and visitors.

This policy assists QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs to:

- Meet its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of members, volunteers and visitors who attend club training, games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Uphold the reputation of the club, sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with alcohol misuse and the role in minimising this risk.

2. ALCOHOL

QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs do not sell alcohol and do not permit the consumption of alcohol at activities including meetings, after training or at games/tournaments.

QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs will ensure:

- Alcohol is not advertised, promoted, served or consumed at any club games
- Alcohol is not brought into the club premises and grounds during club games i.e. no BYO.
- Committee members, members, players and officials will not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol or other drugs.

Alcohol may be present at other related activities including international and national championship dinners and presentation night.

To ensure the safety of members at club events that include alcohol and to uphold the reputation of clubs, QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs will ensure:

- Drinking water is provided free of charge (where available).
- People aged under 18 years will not be provided with, encouraged or allowed to consume alcohol.
- No one will pressure anyone to drink alcohol or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol (including drinking competitions).
- Images are not posted on social media of members or others drinking alcohol irresponsibly at club-related events.

- Any person who comes to events and activities and seems intoxicated will be asked to leave and provided with options for safe transport, where available. Police may be contacted to remove the person, if required.
(For the purposes of this policy, a person is defined as being in a state of intoxication if his or her speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected and there are reasonable grounds for believing that this is the result of the consumption of alcohol.)
- We avoid awards (e.g. presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol only as a prize.
- Alcohol sponsorship, brands and products are not sought, promoted or advertised by the club and are not placed on club apparel.
- Alcohol is not provided as an award to a player for any reason.

Alcohol misuse can lead to risk taking, unsafe, unacceptable and/or illegal behavior. Excessive consumption of alcohol will not be an excuse for unacceptable behavior, particularly behavior that endangers others or breaches the law, this policy or any other policy of our club.

A risk management approach will be taken in planning events involving the supply or consumption of alcohol. Such events will be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.

3. SMOKING

QKR Inc. affiliated clubs are smoke free. We understand the harmful effects of smoking on health, fitness and performance in sport and that passive smoking (secondhand tobacco smoke) is also hazardous to health.

Non-smokers should be protected from the involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke at our games, events, functions and other activities.

Clubs will ensure:

- Members, volunteers and visitors will know clubs are smoke free and will abide by club policy.
- No-smoking signage and/or signage promoting events as smoke-free will be displayed around clubs and at games, events or functions (where possible)

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).

QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs do not allow the use, distribution or selling of illegal drugs by any member or any visitors within the 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. SAFE TRANSPORT

QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs recognize 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, the committee 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.

6. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via [**website, newsletters, social media, announcements during events and functions**].
- Actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to maintain the highest Good Sports accreditation.

7. NON-COMPLIANCE

- QKR Inc. and affiliated clubs will respond to all breaches of this policy. Any disciplinary measures imposed under our policy must:
- 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.
- Consider the age and personal circumstances of the people involved.

8. POLICY REVIEW

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

SIGNATURE:

Signed: 

President

Date: 

ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR POLICY:

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