Broadbeach Robina Cricket Club

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Effective Date: 1 September 2025
Review Date: 1 September 2026

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all members, players, volunteers, and visitors of Broadbeach Robina Cricket Club (BRCC). This policy aims to prevent and address drug and alcohol misuse, promote responsible behaviour, and maintain the integrity of the club and the sport.

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2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All players (junior and senior)
- Coaches, Managers and Captains
- Committee members
- Volunteers
- Spectators and visitors
- Any person representing the club at official events, training, matches, or club functions

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3. Definitions

- **Drugs**: Any substance (legal or illegal) that alters normal bodily function when consumed, including but not limited to illicit drugs, misuse of prescription medications, and performance-enhancing substances.
- **Alcohol**: Any beverage containing ethanol, including beer, wine, and spirits.
- **Club Premises**: Includes the playing field, clubhouse, change rooms, and any venue where official club activities are conducted.

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4. Policy Statement

- BRCC **does not tolerate** the possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs by any club member or visitor.
- BRCC encourages responsible alcohol use and expects all members to behave appropriately when representing the club.
- **Zero tolerance** applies to drug use, drug trafficking, or being under the influence of illicit substances while involved in club activities.

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5. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Committee**: Enforce this policy, ensure regular communication, and support members in understanding it.
- **Coaches/Managers**: Lead by example and intervene when policy breaches are suspected or observed.
- **Players/Members**: Understand and comply with this policy at all times.

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6. Alcohol at Club Events

- Alcohol may be served at senior events in accordance with Queensland liquor licensing laws.
- No alcohol is to be served to persons under 18 years of age.
- Junior events (U18) are to be **alcohol-free**.
- Designated drivers or transport options will be encouraged after functions involving alcohol.

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7. Drug Use

- The use or possession of **illegal drugs is strictly prohibited**.
- Prescription medication may only be used as prescribed to the individual.
- Members found in breach may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion.

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8. Support for Members

- BRCC encourages members to seek help for drug or alcohol problems.

- The club will maintain confidentiality where possible and refer individuals to appropriate support services (e.g., Alcohol and Drug Information Service - 1800 177 833).

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9. Disciplinary Action

Breaches of this policy will result in:

- Suspension from matches or club duties
- Termination of membership
- Referral to police (for serious offences)

All disciplinary action will be handled in accordance with the club's Code of Conduct and Constitution.

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10. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the club committee and updated as required to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

Acknowledgement

All members must acknowledge they have read and understood this policy when registering or renewing membership.