BBRCC Alcohol and

Drug Policy

1. Purpose and Scope

The Bangor Barden Ridge Comets Cricket Club (BBRCCC) is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of all members, players, volunteers, and spectators. This policy outlines the club's approach to managing the use of alcohol and drugs to ensure a safe and responsible environment for everyone involved in our club.

This policy applies to all club members, including players (senior and junior), coaches, team managers, committee members, volunteers, and spectators during:

- Matches and training sessions
- Club events and functions
- Travel or away games representing the club
- Any activities under the club's name or on club grounds

2. Alcohol Use

Bangor Barden Ridge Comets Cricket promotes responsible alcohol use and will not tolerate excessive or unsafe consumption:

- Alcohol may only be consumed at club functions and venues where it is legally permitted and in accordance with licensing laws.
- Alcohol is not permitted at junior matches, training, or events where juniors are present, except where clearly designated and controlled (e.g. in a licensed clubhouse area during social functions).
- Coaches, officials, and volunteers involved in junior teams must refrain from consuming alcohol during any official duty.

3. Illegal Drugs

- The possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited at all club activities, events, and premises.
- Any member found to be under the influence of illegal substances during club activities may face disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of membership.
- The club encourages any member struggling with substance use to seek support and will maintain a non-judgmental and supportive stance.

4. Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications

Members using medications that may impair performance or behavior are encouraged to inform coaching staff (especially if playing), particularly if there is a potential safety risk.

NOTE: The privacy of members will be respected in all cases.

5. Tobacco and Vaping

The club complies with all smoking and vaping regulations.

- ➢ Smoking and vaping are not permitted within 10 metres of playing areas, training areas, or club facilities (especially near juniors).
- ➢ Designated smoking/vaping areas, if applicable, will be clearly signed.

6. Responsibilities

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- ➢ Club Officials and Coaches are expected to :
  - Lead by example in promoting a healthy, safe club culture.
  - Monitor alcohol and drug use at events and matches.
  - Take appropriate action when policy breaches occur.
- ➢ Members and Spectators:
  - Respect club policies and behave responsibly.
  - Encourage others to uphold a safe and inclusive environment.

7. Breaches of Policy

Breaches of this policy will be dealt with by the club committee and may result in:

- ➢ Verbal or written warnings
- ➢ Suspension from playing or attending events
- ➢ Termination of membership in serious or repeated cases