



## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs can seriously impair an individual's judgement and reactions which could lead to an increased risk of accidents and injuries.

The aim of this policy is to provide clear guidelines regarding the use and possession of alcohol and drugs whilst on club waters and events.

### Precept

- The alcohol and drugs policy shall apply to all members and guests.
- All members and guests are responsible for their actions in relation to drugs and alcohol.
- Misconduct in relation to alcohol and drugs shall be dealt with by the Committee.
- Possession of or dealing in illegal drugs whilst on club waters will be reported to the Police.

### Policy Application

The Club's policy is that whilst on club venues and/or events, members and guests must be free from the influence of drugs or alcohol.

This will help to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others using our facilities.

For these reasons, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced.

No member or their guest shall:

- Fish or attempt to fish whilst unfit due to alcohol or drugs (whether illegal or prescription)
- Be in possession of alcohol or illegal drugs\* whilst on club waters.
- Supply or attempt to supply others with alcohol or illegal drugs. \*
- Consume alcohol or illegal drugs\* or abuse any substance whilst on club waters.

Additionally, members and guests must ensure their awareness as to any side effects of any prescription drugs which they may be taking prior or during their fishing activities.

If a club bailiff has reasonable cause to believe that a member is under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst on club waters, they have the power to take the details of the member and to ask them to leave the venue immediately.

If a member suspects that another member is under the influence of alcohol or drugs he should contact and pass on the details to a club bailiff/water keeper or a committee official.

The Committee will take action under the Clubs Disciplinary procedures for any reported breach of these policy guidelines and if proven it may result in suspension or termination of the offender's membership.

***Note: \*Illegal drugs include but are not limited to heroin, cannabis/marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines, and all synthetic cannabinoids.***