

SHNA DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1. No person, including spectators, may consume, possess or use alcohol or illicit drugs on any premises where a netball game is or will be conducted under the control of the Southern Highlands Netball Association.
2. All players have a duty of care to other players. No player is permitted to take the court while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. Should a player or players from either team have concern as to another player or spectator being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the procedure permitted to raise such a query or concern is as follows:
 - a) A representative of either team is permitted to approach the umpire(s) or SHNA Executive Committee member to express their concern in a discreet manner and in confidence, so as not to unnecessarily embarrass or offend any player or spectator.
 - b) The umpire will, in a discreet manner and in confidence so as not to unnecessarily embarrass or offend any player or spectator, advise the Executive Member/s of the Club where the player is from.
 - c) The Executive Member/s of that Club will approach the player concerned, in a discreet manner and in confidence so as not to unnecessarily embarrass or offend any player or spectator and question the player or spectator as to whether or not he/she has consumed alcohol or drugs or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - d) If the Club Executive believes the player or spectator to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs they will remove the player from the court. The player removed shall take no further part in the game. That player may not be replaced with a borrowed player. In the case of a spectator, the spectator will be asked to leave the venue.
 - e) Should the player refuse to answer the questions of a Club Executive or provide inadequate responses, the Club Executive has the discretion to remove such a player from the court. The player removed shall take no further part in the game. That player may not be replaced with a borrowed player. In the case of a spectator, the spectator will be asked to leave the venue.
4. If, in the opinion of the umpire and/or SHNA Executive Committee member present, a player or spectator is affected by alcohol or drugs (whether legal or illegal), having regard to the safety of all players and spectators, the umpire and/or SHNA Executive Committee member present has absolute discretion to advise the Executive of the Club whose member (or spectator of) is believed to be affected by alcohol and/or drugs, and the above process will be followed by the Club Executive.
5. If, in the opinion of the umpire and/or match official and/or SHNA Executive Committee member present, a Match Official is affected by alcohol or drugs (whether legal or illegal), having regard to the safety of all players and spectators, the SHNA Executive Committee member has the discretion to require that the Match Official stand down from their duties and take no further part in the match.
6. Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) is not permitted at public sports grounds in NSW under the NSW Smoke Free Environment Act 2000. The designated smoking/vaping area is outside the perimeter fencing of Eridge Park.
7. In the event that any player, spectator or match official is removed from a game or venue, a report will be provided by the Club Executive (or SHNA Executive Member in the case of a match official) to the Competition Coordinator. This report shall be kept in confidence.