

King River Horse & Pony Club Alcohol & Other Drugs Policy

Objective:

The health and safety of all participants is the primary concern.

The King River Pony Club actively seeks to promote, encourage and support strategies to minimise harm from drug use for all participants at all levels.

The King River Pony Club is committed to providing a safe sporting environment for every person involved in its activities.

Policy:

Safe Alcohol Practices

The King River Pony Club promotes the responsible use of alcohol.

- The consumption of alcohol is absolutely forbidden for members under 18 years of age (the legal drinking age in Australia), and is not encouraged for members, officials, parents or volunteers of 18 years of age and over, whilst engaged in any Club activity.
- Consumption of alcohol is absolutely prohibited for all riding members, irrespective of any age, who are riding in Pony Club competition.
- Any rider found to be under the influence of alcohol at any time during a Club competition will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
- Officials assisting with the organisation or conduct of a Pony Club activity must not consume alcohol during the conduct of the activity.
- Consumption of alcohol at Pony Club functions or activities is not encouraged.

Safe Drug Use Practices

The King River Pony Club only supports drug use for medical and 'safe' purposes, and will as far as possible:-

- Ensure that medications are used when needed and according to directions;
- Adopts and is guided by the Sports Medicine Australian Policy on the administration of medications by non-medical personnel;
- Discourages the use of medications in respect of injury/recovery that would enable a participant to compete where they would not otherwise have been able;
- Encourages riders and officials to behave as appropriate role models for junior participants;
- Bans the use of illegal drugs at all activities; and
- Displays information on safe drug use practise for all members.

