

QuidditchUK

Intoxicating Substances Policy

QuidditchUK are fully committed to providing safe and healthy competitive and social environments at all of our events, the following policy applies to the consumption of all alcohol or other legal intoxicating substances by Spectators, Players, Officials, or any Tournament Volunteer.

Please direct any concerns regarding any of the issues discussed in this policy to any member QuidditchUK's Executive Management Team, or (if at a tournament) the Tournament Director.

1. Consumption Of Alcohol

- a. QuidditchUK accepts and allows legal and responsible consumption of intoxicating substances at their events.
 - i. *Only alcohol purchased onsite by a licensed venue may be consumed at a QuidditchUK event.*
 - ii. **Individuals may not bring intoxicating substances into a QuidditchUK event with the intention of consumption at the event.**
 - iii. *Players, Officials, and Tournament Volunteers may only consume intoxicating substances when they no longer have any games or other official responsibilities to complete.*
 - iv. *All QuidditchUK event venues which serve alcohol as part of the event must also provide alternative non-alcoholic options.*
 - v. *Individuals who have playing, officiating, or volunteering duties remaining must refuse intoxicating substances offered to them until the completion of their duties.*

2. Players and Officials

- a. QuidditchUK has a zero tolerance stance on players and officials consuming alcohol or any other intoxicating substances when they knowingly have games scheduled to compete and/or officiate in.
- b. QuidditchUK will not accept any individual playing or officiating in any event while under the influence of any intoxicating substance.
 - i. *This includes individuals still feeling ill, dehydrated, or otherwise hungover as a result of prior intoxication.*
- c. Individuals found to be competing and/or officiating while under the influence of any intoxicating substance.
 - i. *Will be suspended as a player for the remainder of the tournament.*
 - ii. *Will be removed as an official for the remainder of the tournament.*
 - iii. *If appropriate QuidditchUK may also seek further disciplinary action against the individual.*
- d. Captains, Coaches, and/or other Team Management have a responsibility to ensure their players are not competing, officiating, or volunteering while under the influence.
 - i. *If they know or suspect one of their players of being under the influence of intoxicating substance, they must report that individual to the tournament committee.*

- e. Captains who knowingly allow individuals to compete while under the influence of an intoxicating substance may also be subject to disciplinary action by QuidditchUK.

3. Tournament Volunteers

- a. QuidditchUK has a zero tolerance stance on tournament volunteers consuming alcohol or any other intoxicating substances when they are still completing tournament duties, or knowingly have tournament duties to complete later in the day.
- b. Volunteers found to be under working while under the influence of any intoxicating substance.
 - i. *Will be removed as a volunteer for the remainder of the tournament.*
 - ii. *If appropriate QuidditchUK may also seek further disciplinary action against the individual.*

4. Drivers

- a. Any individual who is designated as a driver throughout a QuidditchUK event, is not permitted to consume intoxicating substances, and may face disciplinary action as outlined in the [Event Discipline and Suspensions Policy](#).
 - i. *This applies to any individual including Player, Official, Spectator, or Tournament Volunteer.*

5. Misuse of Substances

- a. QuidditchUK does not condone the misuse or abuse of intoxicating substances, and is committed to reducing the risks associated with intoxicating substances within the quidditch community.
- b. QuidditchUK will take disciplinary action against individuals in response to unacceptable behaviour associated with the irresponsible consumption of intoxicating substances.
- c. Where an individual has engaged in aggressive, abusive or otherwise unacceptable behaviour as a result of irresponsible consumption of intoxicating substances, this will in no way excuse the behaviour or mitigate any penalties imposed by the disciplinary process.
- d. Where an individual has become physically violent as a result of consuming intoxicating substances, they will be ejected from the tournament and asked to leave the venue.
 - i. *Should the individual refuse to leave, police will be involved to forcibly remove the individual from the premises.*

6. Illegal Substances

- a. Any substance deemed illegal is prohibited from any and all QuidditchUK events.
- b. Any individual found to be consuming, or in possession of, any illegal substance will be ejected from the event and asked to leave immediately.
 - i. *Should the individual refuse to leave, police will be involved to forcibly remove the individual from the premises.*

7. Substance Dependency

- a. The above notwithstanding, QuidditchUK recognizes the risks and challenges of alcohol and substance dependency and encourages any member struggling with these to seek professional assistance.
- b. QuidditchUK also encourages all of its members to remain supportive and inclusive of friends and team-mates in the process of overcoming alcohol and substance dependencies, ensuring quidditch remains a safe and positive environment for them.

If you have any questions on this policy, please contact us here - www.quidditchuk.org/contact