

DRUMLANE GAA CLUB

Tobacco, Drug & Alcohol Policy



- Coaches and Club Officials shall not smoke or drink alcohol while representing their club at matches or training sessions.
- All efforts shall be made to ensure Under 18 players/members are not brought to pubs following matches, outings or training sessions.
- Alcohol shall not be served at functions for players aged under 18 years of age.
- Every effort will be made to ensure juvenile medal ceremonies and other juvenile events are not held in pubs.
- Cups shall not be filled with alcohol during celebrations. Where possible, cups should be replaced with plaques.
- Cigarettes shall not be sold in the clubhouse.
- Alcohol and smoking will not be permitted in changing rooms. All persons associated with our club can help prevent drug-related harm from occurring during club activities.

ROLES WITHIN THE CLUB

CLUB MEMBERS

Will be aware of the details of and adhere to the Club's Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Support the club in the development and implementation of this policy including procedures for handling incidents of suspected drug misuse.

COACHES

Will be aware of the possibility of drug misuse among players and work with the Health & Wellbeing Club Officer, Club Chairman and Executives with the aim of preventing harm.

HEALTHY CLUB OFFICER

Is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of this policy in conjunction with the Club Chairperson and Executive. Shall have good knowledge of the local drug, alcohol and health promotion services in order to assist the club in organising prevention, education and response activities as such needs arise.

The Drumlane GAA Club Healthy Club Officer is:

Tom O'Brien
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CLUB CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE

All relevant information, paraphernalia or suspected substances found or received shall be forwarded to the Club Chairperson who shall consult with the necessary parties before taking relevant action based upon this policy. In the event of the Chairperson not being available to discharge these duties this responsibility will then automatically fall to the Vice Chairperson or Secretary.



INVOLVING PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Incidents involving any person under 18 years of age will require their parents/guardians to be informed. Parents/guardians shall be invited to discuss what has happened and shall be informed of any course of action to be taken by the club. The Club Chairperson shall nominate a person to inform parents/guardians in each case.

GARDA SÍOCHÁNA INVOLVEMENT

Incidents that involve the illegal supply of drugs shall require the involvement of An Garda Siochana. In all other drug related incidents, each case shall be considered on an individual basis and the decision shall rest with the Club Chairperson as to whether or not the Garda Siochana is involved.

SEARCH

The Club Chairperson retains the right to direct a search of any part of club property if there is reasonable cause to believe a substance in breach of this policy is contained therein. Two officials of the club shall conduct the search. Club Officials are not allowed to search an individual or their personal property. Where there is reasonable cause to believe a person has in their possession a substance in breach of this policy, they shall be asked to volunteer the substance. If they refuse, the PSNI may be called in to conduct a search.

DISPOSING OF SUSPECTED ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

If a suspected illegal substance is found on club property it should be brought to the attention of the Club Chairperson. The substance shall be stored securely and the Chairperson shall contact An Garda Siochana to have it collected or to inform them who from the club will deliver it to them and when. Any movement of suspected illegal substances shall be recorded and witnessed by two club officials. At no time shall a suspected illegal substance be removed from club property without the knowledge of An Garda Siochana.

AVAILABILITY, USE AND STORAGE OF SOLVENTS AND GASES

Many solvent based products have the potential to be abused (e.g. deodorants, paints, thinners, cleaning fluids etc). All solvent based materials and gases shall be stored securely and safely away from public access.

This policy is in force at all times and during all activities conducted under the aegis of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. This policy shall be evaluated annually and after every drug-related incident. This policy shall come into effect on **1st April 2023** and shall be reviewed annually thereafter by the Healthy Club Officer in conjunction with the Club Chairperson and Executive.

DECLARATION

This document has been approved by the Club Executive Committee and serves as the working Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy of Drumlane GAA Club.

CLUB CHAIRPERSON:

X 

Date: 30/5/23

HEALTHY CLUB OFFICER:

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Date: 30/5/23

