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Drug and Alcohol Policy

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Purpose

This policy aims to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all participants in SA Country Basketball activities by clearly outlining the expectations and responsibilities related to drug and alcohol use.

This Applies to

All players, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, and any individuals involved in SA Country Basketball-sanctioned activities, events, and operations.

Policy Statement

SA Country Basketball (SACBCI) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment free from the harmful effects of drug and alcohol misuse. We adopt a proactive stance to prevent drug and alcohol-related harm and ensure that individuals representing SA Country Basketball do so with integrity and in accordance with community standards.

Key Principles

- **Zero Tolerance:** No illicit drugs are to be consumed or possessed by any SA Country Basketball participant or official while engaged in basketball-related activities.
- **Alcohol Use:** Alcohol must not be consumed by any individual under the age of 18. Responsible alcohol use by adults must occur only in appropriate settings and not in breach of legal or organisational guidelines. Alcohol is not permitted during any basketball activity or in SACBCI uniforms, nor in or around venues used for basketball events.
- **Smoke-Free Commitment:** Smoking or vaping is not permitted during any basketball activity or in SACBCI uniforms, nor in or around venues used for basketball events.
- **Prescription Drugs:** The misuse or inappropriate use of prescription or over-the-counter medication is prohibited.

Education and Awareness

SA Country Basketball supports a culture of education around the impacts and risks associated with drugs and alcohol. We encourage member associations to implement awareness programs, particularly aimed at youth athletes.

Breaches of Policy

Breaches of this policy will be addressed under SACBCI's disciplinary framework. Sanctions may include suspension, counselling requirements, or removal from events or roles within the organisation.

Support

Individuals struggling with drug or alcohol issues are encouraged to seek help. SA Country Basketball supports a rehabilitative rather than punitive approach when possible, and will treat such matters sensitively and confidentially.

Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially or sooner if required due to legislative or organisational changes.