



Boccia New South Wales

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Ratified October 2014

Purpose:

To ensure that any person at a BNSW event, whether participating as an athlete, official or spectator, does not consume alcohol or drugs which may cause them to act in a manner that may be illegal, disruptive or dangerous.

Policy Procedures:

1. All athletes must adhere to the anti-doping regulations enforced by all national and international agencies.
2. It is the responsibility of the athlete to be aware of the anti-doping regulations and to keep informed of any changes
3. No alcohol will be consumed at a BNSW event, unless the BNSW Committee has made an exception, and has communicated this to all participants.
4. All participants at a BNSW event may only consume prescribed medications or over the counter medications relevant to an illness being experienced or to the treatment of a long-standing condition.
5. Some events may require the participants to list their current prescribed medication. Failure to do this correctly may provide grounds to ban the participant from entry, or progression within, a BNSW event.
6. Any behaviour by a participant which adversely affects a BNSW event, caused by the unsanctioned use of alcohol or drugs, may result in the participant being directed by a BNSW official to leave the event immediately, , without compensation or explanation.
7. The BNSW Committee supports the appropriate use of prescribed medications by athletes.

A copy will be posted on the Boccia NSW website.

Any complaints about this policy should be made in writing to the Committee, and will be considered at the next possible Committee meeting.

Date presented to the Boccia NSW Committee: July 2013

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In "Purpose" the words "will effect (sic) their ability to participate" removed and new language inserted so that the sentence reads "To ensure that any person at a BNSW event, whether participating as an athlete, official or spectator, does not consume alcohol or drugs which may cause them to act in a manner that may be illegal, disruptive, or dangerous."

In Policy Procedures, item 4, the words "or to the treatment of a long-standing condition" inserted to cover chronic conditions.