

Intoxicating Substances Policy

This policy was modelled on and adapted from QuidditchUK's Intoxicating Substances Policy. We'd like to thank their staff for the original policy.

1. Definition

1.1. With intoxicating substances is meant any and all consumables that influence a person's normal capacity to act or reason, such as alcohol and drugs. In this document intoxicating substances will refer to this definition.

2. Consumption

2.1 QNL is fully committed to providing a safe and healthy competitive and social environment at all of its events. QNL accepts legal and responsible consumption of intoxicating substances. However, anyone not abiding the law considering drinking age, legal beverages, etc., may be barred from current and future events.

2.2. QNL will not accept any individual playing or officiating an event whilst under the influence of an intoxicating substance.

2.2.1. This includes an individual feeling ill or dehydrated as a result of prior intoxication.

2.3. Any QNL events which serve alcohol as part of the social experience of the event will be required to provide water, and ideally soft drink options, alongside alcoholic options. Events will not promote the consumption of intoxicating substances as a benefit to event attendance. Irresponsible consumption may not be encouraged during QNL events.

2.4. Any QNL member found to be or have been driving a vehicle under the influence of one or more intoxicating substances during a QNL event may be subject to disciplinary action.

2.5. Any QNL Board member, or person appointed by the QNL Board for such purposes, can address any QNL member at a QNL event about their consumption of intoxicating substances. Evaluation of the intoxication and consequences of substance abuse will be judged on a case-to-case basis.

2.6. Where a QNL member has engaged in behaviour that is in conflict with QNL's constitution, its policies and/or a tournament's player guide as a result of irresponsible consumption of one or more intoxicating substances, this will in no way excuse the behaviour or mitigate any penalties imposed by the disciplinary process.

3. Related and/or Medical Circumstances

3.1. If a QNL member takes prescribed medication that can result in side effects that may be similar to intoxication, they should be willing and able to provide further information when asked about their state of intoxication by a QNL staff member. Whether or not taking this medication will result in one or more of the consequences outlined in this policy will be judged on a case-to-case basis.

3.1.1. Medical information received in this way will be kept confidential by QNL staff.

1. QuidditchUK is fully committed to providing a safe and healthy competitive and social environment at all of its events, and accepts the legal and responsible consumption of alcohol or other intoxicating substances (henceforth referred to as intoxicating substances).
2. In accordance with the above point, QuidditchUK will not accept any individual playing or officiating in any event whilst under the influence of an intoxicating substance. This includes if the individual is feeling ill or dehydrated as a result of prior intoxication.
3. 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. Whenever it is appropriate, QuidditchUK will take disciplinary action (as laid out in the QuidditchUK Disciplinary Policy) in response to unacceptable behaviour associated with the irresponsible consumption of intoxicating substances.
4. Where a QuidditchUK member 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. This behaviour is unacceptable, regardless of whether it's influenced by intoxicating substances.
5. All QuidditchUK events which serve alcohol as part of the social experience of the event must also provide soft drink options and water alongside alcoholic options.
6. All QuidditchUK events must not publicise the irresponsible consumption of intoxicating substances as a benefit to event attendance. Irresponsible consumption must not be encouraged in event publicity and said publicity should make clear nonalcoholic options available at the event.
7. Any QuidditchUK member who is driving a vehicle for the duration of a QuidditchUK event is not permitted to consume intoxicating substances and may be subject to disciplinary action if they do so.
8. 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. 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.