



**SMOKING, VAPING ALCOHOL & DRUGS
POLICY**



Smoking, Alcohol & Drugs Policy

Smoking and or vaping is not permitted anywhere on the premises of Beas Cheerleading, including outside entrance gates of the hall. This rule applies to everyone including contractors, volunteers, athletes, people collecting children or any other visitors.

Athletes may NOT smoke or vape whilst wearing any Beas Cheerleading branded clothing.

If we discover that an athlete under the legal age has cigarettes or a vape in their possession while at any Beas Cheerleading training sessions or events, we will confiscate the cigarettes and or vape and notify their parent or carer at the end of the session.

Alcohol

Anyone who arrives at the Club clearly under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave immediately. If they are a member of the coaching team, contractor, volunteer or athlete, disciplinary procedures will follow.

If we discover that an athlete under the legal age has alcohol in their possession whilst at any Beas Cheerleading training sessions or events, we will confiscate it and notify their parent or carer at the end of the session.

Staff are asked not to bring alcohol onto the Club's premises.

Drugs

Anyone who arrives at the Club clearly under the influence of illegal drugs will be asked to leave immediately. If they are a member of the coaching team, contractor, volunteer or athlete, serious disciplinary procedures will follow.

If we discover that an athlete has illegal drugs in their possession whilst at any Beas Cheerleading training sessions or events we will inform their parent or carer and the police.

If a member of the coaching team or a volunteer is taking prescription drugs that may affect their ability to function effectively, they must inform the Director as soon as possible and seek medical advice. The Director will then complete a risk assessment. contractors, volunteers and or employee's medication on the premises will be stored securely and out of reach of children at all times.

Safeguarding children

All members of the coaching team, contractors and volunteers have a duty to inform the Club Director and the designated Safeguarding lead if they believe that a parent or carer is a threat to the safety of a child/young person due to being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs when they drop off or collect their child. The Director and Safeguarding lead will decide upon the appropriate course of action.



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If a parent or carer is clearly over the alcohol limit, or under the influence of illegal drugs, the coaching team, contractor, and or volunteer will do their utmost to prevent the child from travelling in a vehicle driven by them. If necessary the police will be called.

Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare requirements: Introduction [3.2] and Child protection [3.7].

Related policies: Staff Disciplinary policy, Safeguarding policy.

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