**Galaxy United FC – Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Galaxy United Football Club is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family friendly and successful sport environment.

All players, members, spectators and visitors at the Club have a responsibility to ensure that they take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety and that of others whilst in this environment by not being affected by alcohol or drugs (i.e. a chemical substance, whether it is legal or illegal, which may have the ability to impair a person’s physical or mental capacity such as speed, heroin, amphetamines, LSD, crack, cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana etc. or performance enhancing drugs such as anabolic steroids) to the extent that it impacts on their own or another person’s recreational enjoyment or safety.

The effects of intoxication and the regular use of or dependence on alcohol or drugs are associated with impaired judgement and skills, reduced concentration, erratic behaviour, aggression and violence, and increased accidents. These behaviours and activities may seriously affect member safety and ethical standards within the Club.

All members, spectators and visitors at the Club are prohibited from selling, distributing, manufacturing, possessing or consuming drugs when on the premises of the Club or at any Club function.

All players are prohibited from arriving to a match or returning to a match from any break under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Club reserves the right to take action if any person is affected by alcohol or drugs, to endanger their own safety or the safety of any other person at the Club’s premises, including but not limited to:

• Immediately approach the person to discuss the issue and its implications;

• Suspend the person from Club until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Committee;

• Remove the person from the Club’s if they pose a risk to themselves or others;

• Immediately contact emergency services in circumstances that warrant such action;

• Counsel the person internally regarding their use of alcohol or drugs;

• Refer the person to appropriate organisations to address the misuse or abuse of illicit substances.

Galaxy United FC will provide alcohol-free social events for young people and families and will not endorse any celebrations, functions or end of season events that involve excessive consumption of alcohol.

For more information visit: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs>