

CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

DRUGS POLICY



Drugs Policy

The Policy refers to the usage, possession and distribution of 'Classified' (i.e. Illegal) Drugs, as opposed to Prescription or over the counter 'Medical' Drugs.

The Federation operates a ZERO tolerance policy with regard to all 'Classified' Drugs, in other words, should any Member, Associate member, or Advisory member be found to be using, possessing or distributing (whether for profit or not) The Federation will use the full force of the Law to deal with that person and expects the Club that member is affiliated with to take disciplinary action in accordance with the constitution.

THE LAW

It is illegal for you to have in your possession (hand, pocket, car, house etc) any CLASSIFIED drugs.

If you, on behalf of a group of your friends buy and then distribute back to them any CLASSIFIED drugs, this is 'possession with intent to supply' under the MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971.

If anyone takes drugs or attempts to supply them on a premise, which you are responsible for, this is also an offence for which you can be prosecuted.

GOOD PRACTICE

i) If at a YFC dance/social function a member appears 'HIGH' place them in a monitored area/room. If the condition deteriorates or does not improve consult available medical staff (i.e. St John's etc) and agree on a course of appropriate action.

ii) If at any YFC event you suspect that a member is/maybe using 'classified drugs' always report it to the organisers.

iii) If at any YFC event you suspect that a member is/maybe supplying 'classified drugs' always report it to the organisers.

Alcohol Policy



ALCOHOL POLICY

YFC Members have a great tradition of looking after their own and this policy is to assist with that, whilst reminding senior members (i.e. those over 18 years of age) of the law and our duty of care.

Alcohol is freely available in the world. Anti-social behaviour brought on by underage drinkers has become a real problem. It is important to ensure that all our membership is aware of the law and the dangers of alcohol abuse.

This policy has been produced to ensure a consistent and safe approach to running events where alcohol is being consumed. The age of the a person attending such events is not the only factor to take into account in reducing risk and running a successful event.

THE LAW

16+ May only purchase Beer (including Lager), Porter, Cider or Perry with a meal in an eating area on licensed premises.

Under 18 May NOT purchase or be supplied with or consume alcohol in a bar.

Under 18 may NOT be employed in a bar of licensed premises.

GOOD PRACTICE

- i) Always use a wrist band system, this both ensures that those under 18 are not served by the bar staff as well as ensuring that all those present have paid or should be there.
- ii) Always use registered door staff, this can have many benefits as they are trained to handle large volumes of exuberant young people, can deal with most eventualities and are very often First Aid trained.
- iii) Always consider having a “chill out room” where members who are over exuberant can be monitored by a steward and possibly a responsible person from their club, should the member not respond in a favourable manner to the chill out period then consideration should be given to either taking them home or contacting their parents with a view to taking them home.
- iv) The Federation recommend having trained medical staff (i.e. St John’s, Red Cross etc) on hand to deal with both drunkenness and any other medical emergency.
- v) Always refer to the Behaviour policy if you are unsure as to what action to take against a persistent offender.
- vi) Cheshire YFC operates a ZERO Tolerance policy on Drink Driving, REMEMBER if members lives are placed in danger by the actions of a drinking member it is your duty to use the officers of the law to deal with the situation.
- vii) Do not allow members to bring their own drink onto the premises.
- viii) Encourage the practice of sensibly priced or even free soft drinks for drivers.
- ix) Ensure that those clearly unfit to continue drinking are denied access to further alcohol.
- x) Check that your event has the correct licensing for serving or the sale of alcohol.

Guidance for Events where Alcohol is Available

Purpose

This policy has been produced to ensure a consistent and safe approach to running Young Farmers events where alcohol is being consumed. The age of a person attending such an event is not the only factor we need to take into account in reducing risk and running a successful event.

Before the event

- Prior to an event a risk assessment must be carried out on the premises and on the activity that is being provided; including the selling of alcohol, food being sold, fire procedures, safe numbers, trip hazards etc.
- Hired in security must be licensed (e.g. all hired staff will need to be carrying and displaying their SIA license card).
- There needs to be one security staff to every 75-100 people depending on the risk assessment. (A minimum of 4)
- Any advertising should state YFC reserve the right to refuse admission.
- If you are expecting large numbers (over 200) it is advisable to inform your local police station or community officer.

During the event

- At most events searches will be carried out by security staff at the point of entry alcohol and other inappropriate items will be confiscated
- It is advised that non-members are signed in by a current adult member (if no one is prepared to sign a non-member in you can turn them away)
- Identification for over 18's will need to be a photo driving license or other official form of photo ID such as Driving License, Passport or photo ID with pass hologram (if security are unsure of age a YFC membership card is not proof enough).
- Over 18's wishing to consume alcohol will need to have a stamp or wristband.
- Any person found to be buying alcohol for a minor will also be asked to leave.
- Any person considered to be a hazard due to the amount of alcohol they have consumed will be refused further alcohol and may also be asked to leave the event.
- If any person's behaviour is considered to be inappropriate by the security, bar staff or organisers they will be asked to leave or refused entry.
- The Young Farmers hold the right to refuse entry to a licensed event.
- In the event of an incident a report needs to be filled out on the night. A copy of this report needs to be given to the County Coordinators ASAP.

Additional follow up

- Where appropriate, in accordance with the Law and the Federations duty of care to safeguard the best interest of its members, incidences may be reported to the Police and other appropriate agencies.

At County events we also

- Under 18 members need to apply for tickets before the event so we can check age (are they 16 or 17) and current membership status before the event. They are then issued with a personalised ticket.
- The under 18 member attending must leave a signed parental consent form with a

Federation Official on the door. This form will have the mobile phone contact of their responsible adult on it, along with the under 18 home phone number.