

## **YFC Event Drugs Policy – Operational Plan**

*When developing your policy you should involve the security team, venue and police. The police all have different thresholds and approaches. For example, some police forces will only get involved if there is a substantial amount of drugs and money found on someone, where as others have no lower threshold and some will provide a drug box that SIA security staff will deposit any found drugs into. The police in your area may also take a different approach depending on who they are working with for example different procedures for night clubs to other venues so it is worth clarifying this with them beforehand. By building a good relationship with them prior to an event so that they are aware and reassured of the systems you are putting in place will help if an incident was to take place. Attend events The SIA may also deal with handling drugs differently in each area too.*

1. The purpose of this policy is to highlight the methods to be put into place to protect people from harming themselves through the misuse of drugs, and to assist the Local Police in the apprehension of any individual in violation of the law.
2. This policy acknowledges that controlled substances may be present on site and states the steps taken to reduce risks and protect staff and festival-goers from harm.
3. This policy is written in line with UK statute: Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the Drugs Act 2005.
4. Applicable people include all staff, ticket holders, guests, artists and contractors that are involved with the convention. **There are no exclusions to this policy.**
5. The **XXX Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs** has a **zero tolerance** policy towards the use of illegal drugs, and the misuse of prescribed drugs. The **XXX** (venue) has a zero tolerance approach to the use of drugs on its premises.
6. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - 6.1. Possession of a controlled drug.
  - 6.2. Possession with intent to supply another person.
  - 6.3. Production, cultivation or manufacture of controlled drugs.
  - 6.4. Supplying another person with a controlled drug.
  - 6.5. Offering to supply another person with a controlled drug.
  - 6.6. Import or export of controlled drugs.
  - 6.7. Allowing premises to be used for the consumption of certain controlled drugs
  - 6.8. Possession of any 'legal high', 'research chemicals', 'novel psychoactive substances', 'NPS', 'designer drugs' or 'herbal highs'.

### **7. ACTIONS**

- 7.1. All volunteers and contractors should be vigilant and look out for signs of drug use or drug dealing.

- 1.1. Preventative measures such as amnesty boxes and police drug dogs can be employed to prevent drugs entering an event.
- 1.2. If any Drugs are found on an individual the person should be held by SIA security personnel and the Head of Security and the venue Duty Manager should be informed to attend the incident immediately.
- 1.3. Should any illegal substances be found, items will be seized by SIA personnel immediately. Quantities are irrelevant. ***The substances to be placed in the Drugs Safe at the Venue.***
- 1.4. The venue Duty Manager will make the judgment whether to eject or detain for the police; this will be evaluated by the amount of illegal substance that is seized.
- 1.1. If needed, the individual and the substance to be handed directly to XXX Police, and the incident will be then managed by the responding Police personnel.
- 1.2. All cases involving the Drugs will be reported back to the YFC Event Management, including as much information as is known.
- 1.3. If any drugs are found on the premises, SIA personnel should be alerted immediately and the security contractors will manage and deal with this in accordance with the policies in place at the venue.; this will always include reporting the incident to the Head of Security and Duty Manager.
- 1.4. All drug related incidents will be logged by the Head of Security and Duty Manager; where possible CCTV stills should be taken of the individuals questioned.
- 1.5. XXX Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, their employees, their contracted security and the venue will work with XXX Police on identifying and enabling the chastisement of potential drug misuse.
- 1.6. It is at the discretion of the XXX Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. Police and Security Personnel if this person will then be allowed to re-enter the site. This will be managed based intelligence from the Police, Duty Manager and the Head of Security.

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