



## Drugs Policy

### 1. What is the purpose of this document

This document is designed to provide guidance to members on Old Colfeians RFC's stance on Drug use and the possible sanctions for anyone who does not abide by the club rules. The club does not believe there is an inherent problem with drug use/abuse among the membership but wants the position to be clear to all members and visitors for the avoidance of any doubt. The club may decide to run educational programmes in addition to creating rules & policies. This policy should always be read in conjunction with current, relevant RFU guidance and policies.

In the first instance if you are having any problems, please reach out to <https://www.talktofrank.com/contact-frank> This is a service dedicated to helping those that might be suffering and is friendly and confidential. There are further support services available which are listed at the bottom of this document.

### 2. Drug use in OCRFC and at club related activities/events

- 2.1. The club can only involve itself in dealing with matters involving club members that arise on club premises and/or at club events - e.g. away matches and tours.
- 2.2. Anyone found supplying or selling performance enhancing or recreational drugs on club premises or at club events will be dealt with by the club Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
- 2.3. Passing drugs to a friend is legally regarded as "supplying" and strictly condemned by OCRFC
- 2.4. For the benefit of doubt, a person is responsible for anything that they take into their own bodies, including inhaled, taken by mouth, absorbed, or injected. The "he told me to do it" defence is not acceptable.
- 2.5. A player or member may face immediate suspension from all club activity if they are found/caught using or supplying drugs at the club or any club occasion or event.



- 2.6. Cases will be referred to the Club Director's Committee and/or Disciplinary Sub-Committee for further consideration
- 2.7. A club member convicted of drugs offences outside the club may still be subject to club disciplinary proceedings.
- 2.8. Persons wishing to join the club may be refused membership if they have a drug related conviction.
- 2.9. All levels of sanctions can be considered in drug supply cases up to and including a lifetime ban from the club and club grounds.
- 2.10. Where the offence is minor and involves an age grade member the club may look to support that member through drugs related support programmes etc.
- 2.11. If the person involved is a non-member attending a club function / club event, then they will be subject to a life ban from attending the club or any club functions and the matter will be referred to the Club Director's committee and Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
- 2.12. It is the task of the Disciplinary Subcommittee to determine an appropriate outcome for all offences.
- 2.13. The club may occasionally run drugs awareness education sessions for all age-grade players age groups U16 to senior. This will cover performance enhancing and recreational drugs and will be delivered by a consultant. This training will be appropriate to the age of the persons attending and Parents may also be invited to attend.

### 3. Support services:

The NHS has a search function to access local support services to you:

[www.nhs.uk/Drugtreatment](http://www.nhs.uk/Drugtreatment)

Frank - provides a range of information and ways to seek support [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

Drugs helpline: 0300 123 6600

Protect You Sport – <https://www.ukad.org.uk/protect-your-sport>



World Rugby – <https://keeprugbyclean.worldrugby.org/>