

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1.2. EFFECTS

1.2.1 Effects on Reflexes

Contrary to popular belief alcohol is a depressant drug that dampens the reflex mechanisms.

This results in a steadying of hand together with the psychological side effect of boosting confidence by, in some cases, depressing fears and masking inhibitions.

1.2.1 BODY EFFECTS

The effect of alcohol on the body varies between each person and circumstances. The following immediate effects of alcohol are registered in all people to a varying extent depending on the volume consumed, the physiology and circumstances at the time.

- Loss of inhibitions
- Flushing and dizziness
- General impairment of brain and nervous system functions
- Loss of co-ordination to varying degrees
- Slower reactions
- Aggression

1.2.2 EXCESS

Darts Victoria Is cognisant of the potential danger of accidental injury in the sport of darts. In extreme circumstances a darts player under the influence of excessive alcohol could place other participating players at risk.

1.2.3 COMPARISON

It has been clearly established in most States and Territories of Australia that reactions and judgement of a driver of a motor vehicle are seriously impaired to the point of being dangerous if driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of 0.5%. Given the extensive research that has identified this level to be the point where accidents are more probable, it is deemed to be an appropriate maximum level of blood alcohol present in a player whilst playing darts.

1.2.4 POLICY

It shall be the policy of Darts Victoria that:

- Individual players whilst in the venue.
- Individual coaches and individual officials whilst coaching and attending the players at the venue.
- Individual Callers, Scorers, and recorders.

When participating in a match sanctioned by D.V. if found to have a blood alcohol level in excess of 0.8%, may be disqualified for a term to be determined by the Executive Committee.

1.2.5 TESTING

A player will be deemed to have a blood alcohol level in excess of 0.5% if a reading in excess of this level is registered on a breathalyser instrument of the type and function approved by the Victorian Police Department.

1.2.6 PENALTIES

The penalty to be imposed shall be disqualification for the balance of the tournament, championship, etc., or for a term to be determined by the Board Executive Committee and or the D.V. Playing Rules.

SUPPORT SERVICES

National Drugs Campaign

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Phone 1800 250 015 (free call)

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Australian Drug Foundation

Information on drugs; including latest research, fact sheets and government policy

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Drink Wise Australia

Information and facts on alcohol

Phone 1800 888 236 (free call)

Visit www.drinkwise.org.au

Family Drug Support

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