

	QUEENSLAND YARD & UTILITY TRIAL ASSOCIATION INC	
	TITLE: Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy	POLICY REF NO POL 9 VERSION: 1

1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The intent of this Policy is to protect and promote the health, wellbeing and safety of members, volunteers, judges, Trial organising committees, association officials and the public at Queensland Yard & Utility Trial Association Inc (QYUTA) events and affiliated trials/events by specifying requirements for the management of alcohol and drug relates matters at trials and events.
- 1.2 This Policy sets out the principles that govern Queensland Yard & Utility Trials Inc's (QYUTA) management of alcohol and other drug use by members, volunteers, judges, officials and visitors to any QYUTA and/or affiliated events. This includes the requirement to comply with Federal, State and local government legislation as well as QYUTA's rules and policies.
- 1.3 This Policy provides:
- 1.3.1 directions about consumption of alcohol;
 - 1.3.2 directions about the use of other drugs, and
 - 1.3.3 information about alcohol and drug-related support services for members, volunteers and officials.
- 1.4 This Policy applies to all QYUTA and affiliated events held anywhere.

2.0 Definition

- 2.1 For the purposes of this policy "Drugs" are any substance that may result in physical, psychological or behavioural changes that may cause impaired performance. In this policy the word "drug", unless otherwise stated, refers to all psychoactive (mind and/or mood altering) substances, including:
- 2.1.1 illicit drugs, which include "illegal drugs (such as cannabis, opiates and certain types of stimulates), pharmaceutical drugs (such as painkillers and tranquilisers) when uses for non-medical purposes and other substances used inappropriately (such as inhalents)"
(Reference:Wikipedia, Illicit Drug Use in Australia);

- 2.1.2 legal drugs (e.g. alcohol, tobacco, steroids);
 - 2.1.3 prescription medication (i.e. dispenses by a chemist or on the order of a doctor); and
 - 2.1.4 “over the counter” medication (i.e. any purchased medication that does not require a prescription).
- 2.2 For the purposes of this Policy a person is intoxicated if:
- 2.2.1 “the person’s speech”, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected, and
 - 2.2.2 It is reasonable in the circumstances to believe that the affected speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is the result of the consumption of alcohol, drugs or another intoxicating substance. (Reference: Liquor Act 1992 QLD).
- 2.3 For the purposes of this Policy a QYUTA related event refers to any trial, training day and fun day held anywhere.

3.0 Policy

- 3.1 QYUTA recognises that alcohol consumption is an established part of life in Australia and is enjoyed by many members, volunteers and officials of QYUTA. QYUTA will not attempt to stop drinking at events (other than in areas declared alcohol-free) but will encourage moderation and a responsible attitude towards the consumption of alcohol.
- 3.2 Alcohol consumption and the use of illicit drugs will not be permitted by competitors, volunteers and judges before or during an event. Alcohol consumption occurring at these times is specifically excluded by QYUTA’s insurance underwriters. If a competitor has completed their runs and decides to consume alcohol, they are specifically excluded from coverage under QYUTA’s public liability and voluntary workers insurance policies.
- 3.3 QYUTA recognises that alcohol is a depressant drug that can slow brain activity and motor skill responses and that a range of illicit drugs as well as “over the counter” and prescribed medications can result in changes in behaviour, impaired ability to trial and accidents.
- 3.4 QYUTA is committed to encouraging and assisting members, volunteers and officials to enjoy the sport of trialling in an environment that actively promotes their health, wellbeing and safety.

- 3.5 QYUTA expects all of its members, volunteers and officials to be responsible citizens and requires appropriate behaviour at all events wherever they are held.
- 3.6 QYUTA is committed to the following principles:
- 3.6.1 providing a safe and healthy environment to trial and train;
 - 3.6.2 creating a climate that enables individuals to make a free and informed choice as to the level of their alcohol consumption, in an environment that is free of inducement and social pressure to drink;
 - 3.6.3 encouraging moderation and a responsible approach toward the consumption of alcohol;
 - 3.6.4 ensuring an inclusive environment for individuals who choose not to consume alcohol;
 - 3.6.5 understanding and respecting individual and cultural differences in attitudes towards the consumption of alcohol;
 - 3.6.6 minimising alcohol and other drug-related harm to individuals and the reputation of QYUTA;
 - 3.6.7 ensuring that the possession and use of alcohol or other drugs at any QYUTA or affiliated events are in accordance with relevant local government, State and Federal laws and QYUTA policies, and
 - 3.6.8 ensuring the non-judgemental response from QYUTA with alcohol or other drug related problems through the referral to appropriate support services.