Funded by the Australian Government and run by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Tackling Illegal Drugs is a component of the Good Sports program and has been designed to support clubs to create healthier and more inclusive club environments; places where everyone in the local community can feel safe and welcome.

The program helps clubs to implement strategies, policies, and responses around illegal drugs.

Building on the success of a Victorian pilot program, the illegal drugs component of the Good Sports program is the ideal way to continuously build healthier and stronger community sporting clubs. Our goal is to get entire Leagues and Associations on board so that we can work together and have the maximum impact.

OUR APPROACH

By focusing on prevention and tackling the cause of the problem, we help to support sporting clubs to make positive changes before any issues occur.

We know that sporting clubs have a unique opportunity to influence community attitudes and behaviours. Often at the centre of community life, sporting clubs can play an important role in fostering positive relationships. After all, they’re a place for people to come together, to learn and to build life-skills. When this growth occurs in a strong and healthy environment, the results can be powerful.

Working with Leagues and Associations is central to our approach. It means that we can reach entire communities across a range of different clubs.
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WHO WE ARE

The Good Sports program began over 15 years ago with the aim to inspire a healthier Australia. Today, almost 10,000 clubs are proud to be Good Sports clubs.

Good Sports helps to make Australian sporting clubs safer and more family-friendly places to enjoy sport. We work with sporting clubs across the country, coaching club leaders and administrators how to structure their club activities to encourage healthier behaviour and create a positive club culture. The outcome is stronger and more sustainable clubs that are part of a program that is proven to work.

With two decades of experience working with clubs through the Good Sports program, we know this evidence based strategy works.

OUR TRACK RECORD

Our programs have been tried and tested and are proven to work. A randomised control trial of Good Sports conducted in 2009 found that participation in the program greatly reduced the odds of risky drinking in clubs.

Sporting clubs are a snapshot of the larger community. Over 40% of Australians aged 14 or over have tried an illicit substance. Chances are, no matter what age, or sport, there is somebody at every club who has been touched by the issue.

Good Sports clubs are 42% less likely to experience alcohol-related harms.

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