

1. Introduction

The Balderstone Sports Institute (BSI) recognises the seriousness of the abuse of drugs and alcohol and is committed to assisting our students and parents in dealing with this problem.

2. Drug and Alcohol Use or Abuse

The word 'drug' refers to any chemical substance that has the potential to be abused. This includes but is not limited to cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy, appetite suppressants, cough mixtures, glue and correction fluid thinners i.e. not only illegal substances.

The word 'alcohol' refers to any liquid substance that contains alcohol.

Drug and alcohol abuse are the excessive or inappropriate use of drugs and/or alcohol, which results in the impairment of an individual's physical, mental, or emotional state of well-being.

Procedures for dealing with problems of drug and alcohol use or abuse include random or targeted:

- Campus intervention;
- Drug / alcohol testing and / or
- Drug / alcohol search.

3. BSI Intervention

If there is reason to believe that a student may be using drugs or alcohol or is suffering at the hands of others who are doing so, the matter should be referred to BSI management. Steps will be taken to investigate and verify the seriousness of the problem.

The identity of any user of drugs who approaches BSI directly will not appear on academy records except in the case of a student who does not cooperate and does not register with a rehabilitation programme agreed upon by BSI, the student, and the parents.

4. Drug Testing / Drug Search

If there is evidence of suspected drug or alcohol use, management of BSI may request a drug/alcohol test. No test will be conducted without the consent of the parent, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Parents will be liable for the cost of the testing.

The management of BSI may, if they suspect the use or presence of drugs at BSI facilities, call in sniffer dogs and/or the police.

5. Consent of the Parent

Parents and/or legal guardian hereby give consent to BSI to conduct a drug/alcohol test if there is any suspicion of drug or alcohol use, as well as random drug tests on the student and acknowledge liability for the costs of such tests.