



# Montmorency Junior Football Club

## Anti-doping Policy

This policy will outline Montmorency Junior Football Club's approaches & expectations concerning anti-doping as described in the Victorian Sports Anti-Doping Act 2005 (<https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/sports-anti-doping-act-2005/003>)

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to to promote and encourage ethical participation in sport and recreation in Victoria; and to discourage the use of drugs and doping methods.

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### **Victorian Sports Anti-doping Policy**

The community expects that Victorian athletes will compete fairly and without the use of prohibited drugs or doping methods. The Victorian government is committed to protecting the health of athletes and the spirit of sport by discouraging the morally and ethically indefensible use of prohibited performance enhancing drugs in sport.

The Victorian sports anti-doping policy requires both the government and sports organisations in Victoria to support compliance with the expectations and standards expressed within the World Anti-doping Code.

An effective anti-doping framework for Australia necessitates a comprehensive approach involving education, research, prevention, detection and deterrence, rehabilitation and cooperation and coordination. It involves all levels of sport and government.

The Commonwealth government has the primary responsibility for the implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code in Australia and for implementing and coordinating compliant domestic doping control programs. Current national anti-doping efforts involving the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) are focussed on preventing, deterring, detecting and managing anti-doping rule violations committed by athletes and support persons involving the use or otherwise of prohibited substances. ASADA's anti-doping education accordingly seeks to ensure athletes are informed and knowledgeable about their anti-doping responsibilities; and to reduce the risk of athletes inadvertently doping.

The Commonwealth government also has a 'National Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy'. Illicit drugs policies go beyond the requirements of

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both the World Anti-Doping Code and this complementary Victorian sports anti-doping policy. Some national sports organisations have already implemented their own illicit drugs policies and testing procedures in consultation with their elite athletes. At the community level of participation, such policies should seek to focus on protecting the health and welfare of those affected as well as managing the risks to the sport and its members.

To support and complement the education and information objectives of the World Anti-Doping Code, anti-doping related drug education programs for non-elite sports participants are required. There is a clear need to better engage and involve community level sport in the fight against doping. This includes delivering a Victorian sports anti-doping policy and program response which is consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code but is also understood and actively supported by non-elite sport participants.

A policy of “zero tolerance” to performance enhancing drug use in elite and high performance sport is an essential aspect of the World Anti-Doping Code. Yet, the adoption of strict testing and sanctioning regimes alone will not resolve the doping issue and a system designed primarily for international and national level competitors is not directly transferable to community level sport.

There is an obvious need to educate and better inform young aspiring athletes and all others involved in non-elite sport, such as parents, coaches and officials, to reinforce the positive values of sport including athletic achievement attained through fair and healthy means. The Victorian government will work with sporting codes and schools to support a “no drugs” culture in Victorian sport and encourage healthy involvement in sport and physical activity.

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The primary purpose of this Victorian sports anti-doping policy is to assist in the worldwide effort to eliminate drugs in sport by supporting Australia's national anti-doping framework.

### MJFC Anti-doping Policy

MJFC will abide by and follow all conventions associated with Victorian Sports Anti-Doping Act 2005

(<https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/sports-anti-doping-act-2005/003>)

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