

APSBF Code of Conduct – Smoke-Free and Alcohol-Free Enforcement

The Asia Pacific Snooker & Billiards Federation has adopted a smoke-free and alcohol-free Code of Conduct.

The Player's Code of Conduct wording states that except for during an **official session break**, the smoking of tobacco or the consumption of alcohol by players during a match is not permitted.

The APSBF feel it gives an unfair advantage to a player to allow them to consume a prohibited substance for the purpose of performance enhancement.

Therefore, the APSBF enforces this policy for the benefit of all players. The penalties for contravening this policy will be laid out so there can be no misunderstanding.

No player is permitted to smoke or consume alcohol whilst playing a match, unless during an **official session break**.

This Code of Conduct applies to players and referees in all APSBF ranking events, in all State Championships and in all events where players are representing Australia or any state of Australia.

The penalties for contravening this regulation at any given tournament **by a player** will be:

- **First instance: Loss of Frame**
- **Second instance: Loss of Match**

In any given event, if a player receives a **Loss of Frame** penalty by a referee or official, the **second instance** discovered by any referee or official **in the same event** will attract the penalty of **Loss of Match**. An **“event”** could be either a single championship or a multi-championship event, such as the Asia Pacific championships or Junior Teams championships where a person may be entered into several draws over a short time period at one or more venues.

To support players to comply, **the referee of a match** must abide by the same policy. The penalty for a referee who smokes or consumes alcohol whilst officiating a match will be

- First instance: Loss of match payment
- Second instance: Loss of all match payments for this tournament
- Third instance: Suspension of Referee status for 3 months

Any referee or official **who witnesses another referee** contravening this policy is bound to report them to the Tournament Director immediately who will administer the penalty to the referee.

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