

## **RACECOURSE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

### **DRUGS POLICY FOR MUSSELBURGH RACECOURSE**

The Drugs Policy for Musselburgh Racecourse applies to all persons entering the racecourse and grounds (Attendee or you) known as Musselburgh Racecourse (the Racecourse). This Policy is issued by Musselburgh Joint Racing Committee (the Operator or we). Acceptance of this Policy will result in a legally binding contract between you and the Operator which include the terms of the licence which we have granted to you to enter the Racecourse.

- We operate a policy of zero tolerance with regards to drugs use and the supply of drugs on our premises.
- We recognise that we hold a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all members of staff and customers and that this could be jeopardised by anyone under the influence of drugs or solvents.
- Admission will be refused to anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs.
- A policy for searching patrons on entrance to the venue is in place.
- All staff are given training / guidance in recognising the signs and symptoms of drug use and supply and are instructed to be vigilant at all times and to report any concerns to the most senior manager as soon as possible.
- Admission will be refused to those suspected of dealing in drugs, but only if it is believed that such action will not endanger the safety of staff and customers. If a person is suspected of dealing drugs in a venue, then staff will always seek advice from police before taking any action.
- The confiscation or discovery of all drugs must be witnessed, logged in the relevant incident book and the drugs handed to the most senior member of management, who will secure them in a secure designated place such as a drug safe or lockable filing cabinet.
- In this venue, drugs will be sorted in (locked store/cupboard/safe/other) prior to police collection.
- Staff will always request that police collect drugs from the venue. Drugs will never be taken off the premises by staff, even if they are requested to do so by a police officer, or with the intention of delivering them directly to a police station.
- All drug related incidents must be recorded in a designated incident book or log.
- The earliest notification of any drug-related incidents must be given to Police and Licensing Officers.
- Suitable signage will be displayed to inform customers of the venue's policy towards drug use and supply.

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