

**PERTH AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
POLICY ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO**

1 - Band Policy on the Drinking and Purchase of Alcohol

- 1.1 The law states that no-one under the age of 18 can purchase alcohol. Additionally, alcohol must neither be purchased for, nor supplied to, anyone less than 18.
- 1.2 There is, however, an exception to this rule for children aged 16 years minimum. They may have alcohol purchased for them by someone who is at least 18 but only in licensed premises and only as part of a meal. Those aged 16 or 17 must not be given any spirits. Only a minority of licensed premises will operate this exception. Whether to do so is entirely the licence holder's decision.
- 1.3 Our status as a charity regulated by OSCR would be in real jeopardy if the law were to be broken in this area by any of our membership.
- 1.4 In the eyes of the law, any failure to report to the police the illegal supply of alcohol to a child would also constitute an offence.
- 1.5 All members must comply with the law relating to the supply of alcohol to children. Any breach during a band engagement would be deemed to be a serious violation of band rules and considered to be grounds for dismissal from the band.
- 1.6 Members must ensure that the amount of alcohol they consume at any band event is such that their conduct and behaviour does not fall below the standards expected. Any breach will result in disciplinary action by the committee.
- 1.7 All band members must report to the Pipe Major, whom failing a committee member, any situations where they feel that another member not complying with this rule.

2 - Band Policy on Drugs

- 2.1 Some drugs are illegal and can carry different sentences depending on whether you have the drugs in your possession or are selling them to someone else. Different types of drugs carry different penalties with each drug being assigned as a Class A, B or C drug, with Class A drugs carrying the strongest penalties.
- 2.2 Any member using or supplying any illegal drug whilst involved in any band function at any time will be immediately dismissed from the band and reported to the police.
- 2.3 If any member sees another member supplying or using an illegal drug they MUST report the matter to the Pipe Major, or failing that any committee member.

3 - Band Policy on the Use and Purchase of Tobacco

3.1 As of 1st April 2011, it has been an offence for:

- Anyone under 18 to buy or attempt to buy tobacco products or cigarette papers
- Anyone under 18 who is in possession of tobacco products or cigarette papers in a public place to fail to comply with a request from the police to surrender these items or to supply a name and address
- Anyone 18 or over to buy tobacco products on behalf of anyone under 18

Anyone caught breaking the law could face an on-the-spot fine, prosecution and a criminal record.

- 3.2 If, at any time during a band event, any member over 18 buys, or supplies tobacco products or cigarette papers for someone under the age of 18, or any member under the age of 18 attempts to buy tobacco products or cigarette papers then this would be deemed to be a serious violation of band rules and considered to be grounds for dismissal from the band.
- 3.3 If any member under the age of 18 smokes or is in possession of tobacco products or cigarette papers at any time during a band event then this would be dealt with as a serious breach of band rules.
- 3.4 All members must report any breach of the above rules immediately to the Pipe Major, or failing that to a committee member.