

National, Regional and Zone events should be a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Venturers attending such events have a right to not have their experience or enjoyment diminished or spoiled by the behaviour of others present.

DADS Rules shall apply during ALL National, Regional and Zone Venturer events including training courses, Regional and Zone Venturer camps or any other Venturer events organised on a National, Regional and Zone basis.

DADS Rules are defined as follows:

DRUGS

The possession of and or use of illegal drugs is banned. Misuse of prescription drugs or other substances will be treated as for illegal drugs.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol shall not be in the possession of, nor consumed by, any person.

DISCRIMINATION

Discriminatory behaviour that may be degrading or cause offence to others is not acceptable. This includes discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or any other reason.

SEX

Behaviour of a sexual nature is not appropriate. Couples shall not share sleeping accommodation alone. Affectionate behaviour is acceptable providing it does not offend or cause others present to feel uncomfortable.

Any behaviour that offends or causes harm to others is not acceptable!

Consequences

- Any form of illegal drug use is viewed seriously and any person found in the possession of, or using, illegal drugs will be referred to the Police.
- Persons found to be in breach of the rules on drugs, alcohol, or sex will be withdrawn from the event. They will be required to undertake a service activity or other duties as determined by the Zone Leader or Activity Leader for the remainder of the event. Where appropriate parents will be advised.
- Persons found to be in breach of the rules on discrimination, violence, or offensive behaviour will be asked to make a written or verbal apology to the satisfaction of the Zone Leader or Activity Leader. Continued or extreme instances, or failure to apologise in a satisfactory manner will result in withdrawal from the activity, with the imposition of service activities or other duties as determined by the Zone Leader or Activity Leader, for the remainder of the event.
- Persons found in the possession of alcohol will have the alcohol confiscated.
- Persons withdrawn from a training course for a breach of these rules will not receive a certificate for that course, nor will there be a refund of the course fee.
- Repeated breaches of these rules may result in suspension or exclusion from future Zone activities.

Recommendations and Guidelines

- An amnesty period will be announced at the beginning of all Venturer activities to allow Venturers to hand in any items in their possession that would normally be in breach of DADS Rules (e.g. drugs and alcohol).
- The amnesty will be administered by designated members of the National or Regional Venturer Council in order to overcome possible reluctance to hand items in to leaders. Those not wishing to hand banned items to the nominated Venturers may hand them to the Regional, Zone or Activity Leader. No questions will be asked or action taken against those persons participating in the amnesty.
- Posters explaining DADS Rules and Consequences will be displayed at all Venturer events as appropriate.
- DADS Rules will apply to ALL persons (Venturers, Leaders, Rovers and visitors) attending a Venturer activity.
- Social visitors will NOT be permitted at formal training courses, and only at other events at the discretion of the Zone Leader or Activity Leader who will be responsible for ensuring that visitors are aware of DADS Rules and are requested to abide by them.
- No Venturer will be allowed to leave an activity unless prior arrangements have been made with the Zone Leader or the Activity Leader.
- While these rules apply to National, Regional and Zone Venturer activities, it is recommended that Venturer Units adopt them as part of the Unit Rules or Constitution.