



Blackburn Vikings Gambling Harm Prevention Policy

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1	General Manager	20 March 2023	2 years
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PURPOSE

This policy outlines the commitment and actions BVBA Committee of Management will take to prevent and reduce gambling harm. This policy should be read in conjunction with [Basketball Victoria's Integrity By-Laws](#).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all BVBA Committee of Management, BVBA employees, players, coaches, and volunteers.

RESPONSIBILITIES

BVBA Committee of Management will communicate on a regular basis and through social media and/or through other sources their commitment to this policy.

OVERVIEW

Blackburn Vikings Basketball Association acknowledges that gambling can negatively affect our community. It can cause harm much earlier than people realise and affect their health, wellbeing, and financial security regardless of how often they gamble.

We are proud to say no to sports betting sponsorship and to commit to the following actions to prevent and reduce gambling harm.

Blackburn Vikings Basketball Association will:

- refuse to promote special offers from betting or gambling companies
- only show horse or greyhound races on club TVs when nobody under the age of 18 years is present
- hold events and fundraisers at non-racing venues
 - find alternatives to casino or racing themed fundraisers like poker nights or big wheels
- limit attendance at casino or race themed fundraisers/events to adults only
- limit attendance at club functions held at pokies venues to adults only
- limit attendance at club functions held at venues with TABs to adults only
- refuse sponsorship or funding from racing venues
- refuse sponsorship or funding from pokies venues
- participate in the annual Love the Game theme round
- watch a Love the Game produced educational video about gambling harm
- share awareness raising key messages about gambling harm via social media or newsletter