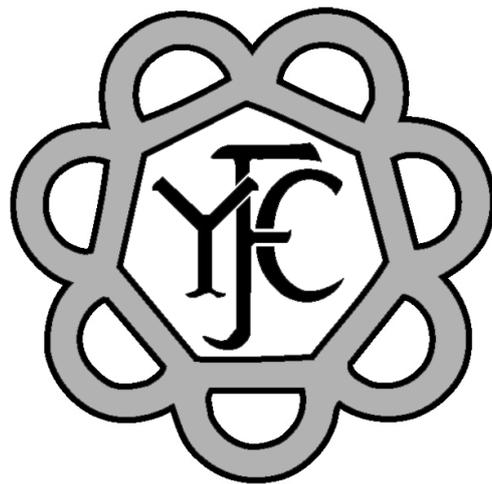


Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Club

Alcohol Policy



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ALCOHOL POLICY

YFC Members have a great tradition of looking after their own and this policy is to assist with that, whilst reminding senior members (i.e. those over 18 years of age) of the law and our duty of care.

Alcohol is freely available in the great wide world and indeed in many areas of Britain, anti social behaviour brought on by its abuse by underage drinkers has become a real problem. To minimise the risk within YFC it is important to ensure that all our membership is aware of the law and the dangers of alcohol abuse.

The YFC programme lends itself very well to this in many areas. Firstly, many of our members may well have their first experience of alcohol within a YFC environment, whether in the pub after a meeting or at one of our many social functions. Also through our varied programme of speakers and visits, it is possible to involve members with talks from the likes of Alcohol Awareness, The Police, Alcohol Concern etc, and matching in a balanced manner with a trip to a brewery or a talk by a winemaker. See also the NFYFC curve training module 'know your limits' - so as you can see YFC Alcohol Education can be fun and informative.

THE LAW

16+ May only purchase Beer (including Lager), Porter, Cider or Perry with a meal in an eating area on licensed premises.

Under 18 May NOT purchase or be supplied with or consume alcohol in a bar.

Under 18 may NOT be employed in a bar of licensed premises.

GOOD PRACTICE

- i) Wherever Young Farmers are hosting an event and alcohol is available always try to have the bar in a separate room.
- ii) Always use a wrist band system, this both ensures that those under 18 are not served by the bar staff as well as ensuring that all those present have paid or should be there.

- iii) Always use registered door staff, this can have many benefits as they are trained to handle large volumes of exuberant young people, can deal with most eventualities and are very often First Aid trained.
- iv) Always consider having a chill out room where members who are over exuberant can be monitored by a steward and possibly a responsible person from their club. Should the member not respond in a favourable manner to the chill out period then consideration should be given to either taking them home or contacting their parents with a view to taking them home.
- v) Consider having trained medical staff (i.e. St John, Red Cross etc) on hand to deal with both drunkenness and any other medical emergency.
- vi) Always refer to the YFYFC Behaviour policy if you are unsure as to what action to take against a persistent offender.
- vii) The YFYFC operates a ZERO Tolerance policy on Drink Driving, REMEMBER if members lives are placed in danger by the actions of a drinking member it is your duty to use the officers of the law to deal with the situation.
- viii) Do not allow members to bring their own drink on to the premises.
- ix) Encourage the practice of sensibly priced or even free soft drinks for drivers.
- x) Ensure that those clearly unfit to continue drinking are denied access to further alcohol.

In conclusion, YFC is about “fun, learning and achievement” and it can be as much fun learning to drink sensibly with your friends and fellow members as anybody, this can lead to good nights out, with good people for many years to come.

Useful contacts

Alcoholics Anonymous	https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/	Helpline: 0800 9177 650
Alcohol Concern	https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/	0300 123 1110
The Portman Group	http://www.portmangroup.org.uk	
Drink Aware	www.drinkaware.co.uk	
IAS (Institute of Alcohol Studies)	www.ias.org.uk	
Alateen	www.al-anon.org/for-alateen	

Signed:

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Dated:

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