

AVONDALE HEIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB

ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY



This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by the **Avondale Heights Football Club** and is seen as fundamental to the aims of the club.

Intoxicated Patrons

- Drunk patrons are not permitted to enter the premises
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated or drunk
- Drunk patrons will be asked to leave the premises (after appropriate safe transport options are offered)

Underage Drinking

- Alcohol will not be served to persons aged under 18
- Servers and committee members will ask for proof of age whenever necessary or whenever in doubt
- Only photo ID's will be accepted as 'proof of age'

Alcohol Alternatives

The Club will ensure the following (where possible):

- Tap water is provided free of charge
- At least four non-alcoholic drinks and one low-alcoholic drink option is always available and are at least 10% cheaper than full strength drinks
- The club will avoid player prizes and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol

Safe Transport

The Club has a (separate) Safe Transport Policy that is reviewed regularly in conjunction with this Alcohol Management Policy.

Smoke-Free

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Non Compliance

All club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/people to leave the club function

Committee Policy Management

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure compliance with this policy. At least two committee members shall be RSA trained, with at least one required to be present at all club functions where alcohol is consumed. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

- Meet visiting police, cooperate and assist with any inquiries
- Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises
- Ensuring intoxicated people are refused entry
- Ensuring intoxicated people are not served alcohol
- Ensuring intoxicated people are asked to leave the premises (after appropriate safe transport options are offered)
- Ensuring strict compliance with the club policy in accordance with legal requirements
- Recording any incidents in the incident register

Safe Transport

To ensure the aims of the club are upheld, and that alcohol is managed responsibly by the club and its members, the following requirements will apply when alcohol is served by the club at the club or during a club function.

- Bar staff shall encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to exceed .05 blood alcohol concentration
- Telephone calls will be made free of charge to arrange a taxi or other transport
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services will be displayed clearly

Policy Promotion

The club will promote the alcohol management and Safe Transport policy regularly by:

- Publishing a copy of the policy on the website
- Periodic announcements to members at functions

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, about the benefits of an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

The club will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to maintain Level 3 accreditation.

Policy Review

The Policy will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Club's Executive Committee, to ensure this policy remains relevant to club operations and reflects community expectations the policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed *Ray Micallef*

Position Club Secretary

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