

Policy Name: Alcohol

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1. Purpose and Scope

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by the Burnside Heights Football Club Inc (BHFC).

2. Policy

The BHFC is aware that alcohol, when misused can cause harm to the drinker and others. This Alcohol Policy has been adopted to reduce the risks and avoid potential problems.

Club Games and Training Sessions

The BHFC has a zero tolerance on the consumption of alcohol during any sanctioned junior game. There will be no sale of alcohol during any junior games at the Burnside Heights Football Club. The consumption of alcohol during any junior game shall be deemed a breach of the Club's Code of Conduct and persons involved shall be subject to disciplinary action from the Burnside Heights Football Club Inc Committee.

Club Functions

Where alcohol is available for purchase and allowed at an official Burnside Heights Football Club functions, the following measures will be taken;

- Alcohol will not be made available to persons under the age of 18
- Alcohol will not be made available to any persons who are intoxicated
- Food options will be available when alcohol is served
- Persons who have been drinking will be encouraged to use safe transport options
- The club will discourage excessive and rapid consumption of alcohol
- A club official with an RSA certificate is to be present
- Under no circumstances can any alcohol be consumed at the Burnside Heights Football club that was not purchased at the Burnside Heights Football Club. This risks the clubs liquor license.

Promoting the responsible use of alcohol

The BHFC will:

- actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol
- not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at club activities
- educate club members and supporters about the alcohol policy
- offer to arrange alternative transport where required

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Promoting the “Alcohol Management Policy”

The BHFC will promote the alcohol management policy regularly by:

- Being part of the 'Good Sports Club' program.
- Ensuring sufficient club officials have completed an RSA course.
- Distributing a copy to all club members.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.

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

BHFC Committee Responsibilities

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure the operation of the bar and policy compliance. At least two duty committee members are required to be present at all club functions when the alcohol is available. 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 and are asked to leave the premises
- Ensuring strict compliance with the club policy
- Recording any incidents

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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