

DANDENONG CRICKET CLUB

Alcohol Management Policy, Plan and Procedures

This document aims to provide a basis for the responsible use and/or non-use of alcohol by the Dandenong Cricket Club and is seen as fundamental to the aims of the Club.

Dandenong Cricket Club acknowledges that drunkenness, under age drinking and alcoholism are serious social issues and therefore supports initiatives in addressing and preventing these issues.

The Club recognises the importance in holding a liquor license in the value it adds to the Club, enabling it to generate income and hold social functions, but in doing so the Club also accepts the responsibilities and expectations of the community in strictly adhering to the liquor licensing laws.

The Club actively participates in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Accreditation Program with an ongoing priority to maintain its Level 3 accreditation.

The Club will act proactively to increase the number of RSA licenced members by holding RSA courses on site and subsidising the attendance of members.

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.

Serving Alcohol Responsibly at Dandenong Cricket Club

- Alcohol will be served according to the legal and moral requirements of the Club's Liquor Licence with the safety and well being of patrons the priority.
- The Club maintains a current appropriate Liquor License.
- RSA trained servers will be present at all times when the bar or canteen is open.
- Bar servers do not consume alcohol when on duty.
- The Club does not encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- Only pre packaged alcohol will be served.
- Alcohol will not be sold to "take away".
- Members and guests are not allowed to bring their own alcohol into the rooms.
- Alcohol information posters will be displayed at the bar and canteen.
- The Liquor License and all legal signage will be displayed at the bar and canteen.
- Names of RSA trained bar staff will be displayed in the bar.
- An incident register shall be maintained in the bar and any incident recorded by a committee person on duty.

Alcohol served from the Bar in the Social Rooms and on the Balcony.

- The bar will only be open in accordance with the hours set down in the licence.
- The balcony will be closed to drinking patrons at 11pm regardless of the duration of any function.
- The club committee persons on duty will ensure that alcohol is not carried from the balcony into the grandstand area.
- Appropriate permanent signage will designate that alcohol may not be carried from the balcony into the grandstand.

Security at Club and Private Functions at the Club

- For all club and private functions of over 100 people where live or amplified music will be played the host must provide security at the rate of two security staff members for the first 100 guests and an additional security person for each additional 100 guests or part thereof.
- For private functions where underage drinking may be a possibility an approved system of identifying guests as they enter and providing them with colour coded wrist bands must be employed so that only designated guests can be served alcohol.

Alcohol served from the Canteen under the Grandstand

- The canteen bar will only serve alcohol during matches and in accordance with the hours set down in the licence.
- All alcohol served from the canteen will be served in opened containers. Alcohol purchased from the canteen must be consumed within the Shepley Oval Precinct.
- If alcohol is purchased for consumption at the adjoining Wilson Oval it must be taken via the pedestrian gateway beside the training nets.
- Alcohol must not be taken from the Shepley precinct by way of the main Shepley Gates and a permanent sign to this effect will be displayed adjacent to the main Shepley Gates.

Designated Alcohol Free Zones

For the amenity of all club members and patrons and to provide a range of viewing options the Club in consultation with Council and the police has designated two Alcohol Free Zones:

- The Frank Storan Grandstand upstairs, and
- The area immediately in front of the Canteen and Frank Storan Grandstand downstairs.

Appropriate permanent signage will designate these Alcohol free Zones

The club committee persons on duty will ensure that alcohol is not consumed in the Alcohol Free Zones.

Intoxicated Patrons

- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated or drunk
- Servers will follow RSA training procedures when refusing service
- Bar staff will alert a committee member regarding the need to manage a drunk patron.
- Appropriate steps will be made to ensure the person is taken home or attended to while a cab is called.
- As a last resort a committee member may call the police for assistance.

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

Alcohol Alternative

- The Club recognises that alcohol is not the only revenue stream available and actively encourages the sales of alternative products to that of alcohol.
- Tap water is provided free of charge from the bar
- 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
- Food is available when the bar is open for more than 90 minutes or more than 15 people are present
- The Club will avoid player prizes and raffle prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol

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 elsewhere.

- 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 by bar staff to arrange a taxi or other transport.
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services are to be displayed clearly above the bar. Taxi Numbers common to the area are: Dandenong Taxis 9791 2111 or 1300 698 294
- In specific cases, where a designated driver has been nominated by the club, and that person has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, they will be provided non-alcoholic drinks free of charge by the club.

Non Compliance

All Club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any noncompliance, particularly in regard to Licensing Laws 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 facilities or function.
- Repeat offenders will be dealt with by the full Committee in accordance with the procedures in the Club's Constitution.

Committee Policy Management

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure the operation of the bar and policy compliance. An RSA duty committee member is required to be present at all Club functions when the bar is open. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

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Policy, Plan and Procedures Administration and Promotion

The Club will promote the alcohol management policy regularly by:

- λ Publishing a copy of the policy in Club newsletters, and printed member/ player information

- λ Displaying a copy of the policy in the Club social rooms
- λ Thoroughly explaining the policy each year to the incoming committee
- λ Detailing the policy, Plan and procedure to a full player meeting at the start of each season
- λ Periodic announcements to members at functions
- λ Ensuring a new group of committee members and volunteers is trained in RSA each year

The Club recognises the importance of educating Club members, particularly players in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will provide information to assist this process. The Club will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Accreditation Program with an ongoing priority to maintain Level 3 accreditation.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for Club operation and that it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act, the policy will be reviewed annually.