

Good Sports Policy

Prepared for Murdoch University Volleyball Club

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Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for a balanced and responsible approach to the service, supply, consumption and promotion of alcohol at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend any club games, special events, functions and other activities where alcohol may be consumed.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with alcohol misuse and our role in minimising this risk.
- Complies with a valid liquor licence and associated terms and conditions where appropriate.

More information about how to implement this policy and why it's important can be found at <https://portal.goodsports.com.au/app/policy/> .

General Principles

A risk management approach will be taken in planning events and activities involving the sale, supply or consumption of alcohol. Such events and activities will be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.

Alcohol use can lead to risk taking, unsafe, unacceptable and/or illegal behaviour. Excessive consumption of alcohol will not be an excuse for unacceptable behaviour, particularly behaviour that endangers others or breaches the law, this policy or any other policy of the club.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Visit: www.goodsports.com.au for information regarding the Good Sports program.

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Alcohol

- Our club is committed to promoting water as the drink of choice, as consumption of healthy food and drink can contribute to good health and well-being and also supports good performance on the [field/track/court/pool].
- Our club is committed to only having alcohol free functions and events, included not having functions and events at licenced venues.
- Our club will avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol as a reward.

Drugs

- Our club clearly sets out the responsibilities the club committee and individuals have for handling illegal drugs in the club setting.

Leading by example

- Intoxicated people are not permitted to enter/stay in the club, and they are supported to get home safely. For the purposes of this policy, a person is defined as being in a state of intoxication if their speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected and there are reasonable grounds for believing that this is the result of the consumption of alcohol.
- If a person becomes intoxicated (and is not putting other people at risk with their behaviour) the person will not be served alcohol but will be provided with water and options for safe transport home from our club, where available.

If a person becomes intoxicated (and is putting other people at risk due to their behaviour) the person will be asked to leave our club premises immediately and offered safe transport options, where available. Police may also be contacted to remove the person, if required.

- Alcohol brands and products will not be advertised by the junior club and will not be placed on junior apparel.
- Our club recognises mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely. Driving when over the legal blood alcohol limit is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community. If any committee members, members, players or officials are suspected of being under the

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influence of alcohol or other drugs, our club will take steps to help them get home safely. For example, offer them a ride home or call a taxi or sober person to collect them.

Promotion & perception

- Our club will ensure that all committee members are aware of the importance of endorsing our Good Sports policy and promoting it to members.
- Our club will ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via our website, newsletters, social media, announcements during events and functions.
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 - Educate members, volunteers and visitors about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy
 - Pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources
 - Actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol and promote positive messages through its social media platforms
 - Actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to [achieve/maintain] the highest Good Sports accreditation.
- Whilst engaging in club activities, members, volunteers and visitors will not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol.

Tobacco

- Our club complies with State/Territory legislation and local laws in relation to smoking and vaping. This includes no smoking or vaping in the following environments:
 - Indoor areas
 - Outdoor playing/training areas
 - Spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
 - Canteen, catering, eating and drinking areas
- Our club does not sell cigarettes or any other tobacco products.
- Our club expects coaches, players, officials and volunteers to refrain from smoking and vaping while involved in official club activities.

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Our club does not permit the posting of images on social media that show coaches, players, officials or volunteers smoking or vaping while participating in club activities.

- Our club will promote support services and resources that help people quit smoking or vaping, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, Quit.org.au).
- Smoke-free and vape-free areas will be sign posted (where possible) and communicated to members and visitors. A designated area where smoking and vaping is permitted will be made available.

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