



Altona Hockey Club

RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL POLICY OF THE ALTONA HOCKEY CLUB INC.

Registration No. A397
ABN 21 110 938 232
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Rationale

The Altona Hockey Club Inc., Sugargum Drive, Altona (or AHC) has as a primary concern the health of club members with this being a paramount contributor to the success of our sides and the general enjoyment of sport for our players. A Responsible Alcohol Policy provides a safe environment where young people and families can socialise and enjoy the facilities that AHC has to offer.

AHC has always been responsible with alcohol and to formalise this, the Club is registered with the Good Sports Accreditation Program (GSAP). This is an Australian Drug Foundation program supported in Victoria by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, the Transport Accident Commission and the Department of Human Services. Altona Hockey Club was the first hockey club in Victoria to register for the Good Sports program and has attained Level 2 accreditation with scope to increase to Level 3 accreditation in 2007. The AHC acknowledges the GSAP as a core component of the Responsible Alcohol Policy.

Increasingly, alarming research suggests that community-based sports clubs contribute to alcohol problems by accepting and promoting excessive drinking and providing inappropriate role models for young people. A 1999 study found that 51% of member drinkers at sports clubs are consuming alcohol at harmful or hazardous levels.

The AHC acknowledges its leadership role in the sport of Hockey and aims to be a good role model for affiliated clubs. The move to the Good Sports program complements the club's desire to create a safer family and community environment. The AHC believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting our sport and the club to the community.

Who is affected by this Policy

The policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Altona Hockey Club Inc.

Timing

This policy is effective from **1st April 2007**.

Serving Alcohol

Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of the club's liquor licence and in accordance with the safety and well being of patrons. AHC will ensure that the liquor licence is in order and clearly displayed at the bar with accompanying Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) signage. Consistent with the attained Good Sports accreditation level, only RSA trained persons will be permitted to serve alcohol and a list of RSA course trained people will be displayed near the bar. The AHC will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol. Alcoholic drinks will be served in standard drink measures. Bar staff are not permitted to drink alcohol while serving behind the bar. AHC facilities and functions will always enforce the Smoke Free Policy and the club will not sell cigarettes or tobacco products.

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Underage Drinking

Alcohol will not be served to or by people under 18 years of age. Proof of age may be needed before alcohol is served. Only appropriate photographic ID will be accepted.

Safe Transport

Refer to Altona Hockey Club Inc. Safe Transport Policy.

Low-alcohol and Alcohol-free Drinks

The Club will make available at least one low alcohol and at least 4 alcohol-free alternatives, these being at least 10% cheaper than full strength alcoholic drinks. Water will be free from the bar.

Provision of Food

When alcohol is being served and the canteen/kitchen is open, a range of substantial foods or cheap meals will be made available. The club will use food or canteen awards rather than alcohol as prizes for player performance.

Intoxicated Patrons and Non-compliance

Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated. Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training by the Liquor Licensing Commission, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons. All AHC board members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance, particularly in regard to the Liquor Control Reform Act, will be handled by explaining the club policy to the person(s) concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with. If continued non-compliance occurs then at least two board members will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person(s) to leave the premises. Intoxicated and non-compliant patrons will be asked to leave the club. The club will encourage safe transport options and instigate an incident register recording any alcohol related incidences.

Alcohol into Home Match Days And Training

The bringing of packaged alcohol into the ground or facilities at home matches and training is strictly prohibited. The prohibited alcohol will be confiscated. The AHC will display signs at the Club entry points advising members and visitors of this policy.



Promoting the Responsible Use of Alcohol

The club will actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol. The club will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior only events or activities. The club will educate club members and supporters about the alcohol policy. The club will pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources. The club will provide alcohol-free social events for young people and families. Alcohol advertising will only appear at the bar and will include standard drink information and responsible drinking posters. The club will not promote alcohol through 'cheap drink' strategies, such as happy hours.

Policy Promotion

The AHC recognises the importance of educating club members in the benefits of implementing a Responsible Alcohol Policy. Board members, coaches and influential players will positively promote the policy and the AHC will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Accreditation Program with an ongoing priority to achieve and maintain Level 3 accreditation.

Policy Review

The policy will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting for 2007 and then on an annual basis thereafter. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

Dated: 20th March 2007

Reviewed: Policy to be reviewed annually

For and on Behalf of its Members.
The Altona Hockey Club Inc. Board