



Australian Flying Disc Association  
**Responsible Alcohol Policy**

This policy was enacted on 17 January 2005.

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## **1. Aim & Scope**

The aims of this policy are:

- To set out the requirements for the service of alcohol at AFDA sanctioned events.
- To promote the responsible use of alcohol by AFDA members.

## **2. Definitions**

The Standard Definitions of the AFDA Operational Policy apply.

## **3. Revision**

This policy is to be maintained and reviewed by the AFDA Board.

## **4. Application**

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators and volunteers of the AFDA.

## **5. Service of alcohol**

- It is the responsibility of a Tournament Director or League Organiser to obtain a liquor licence, if required.
- The Tournament Director or League Organiser will ensure that any liquor licence is in order and clearly displayed.
- Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of any liquor licence obtained and in accordance with the safety and well being of patrons.
- Wherever alcoholic beverages are served, there must also be a range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages available. Water must also be freely provided.
- Wherever alcoholic beverages are served, there must also be food available for purchase.
- Alcohol will not be served or present at a venue where it is prohibited.
- Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol will be discouraged
- A person aged under 18 will not be permitted to serve alcohol under any circumstances

## **6. Alcohol is not to be served to minors**

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

## **7. Alcohol is not to be served to intoxicated patrons**

- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated. Signs of intoxication include slurred speech, impaired balance, poor coordination, reduced inhibition, aggressiveness and disrespectful behaviour.
- Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training by the Liquor Licensing Commission, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
- Intoxicated persons will be asked to leave the venue. Safe travel options suggested.

## **8. Alcohol is not to be served to players**

- The AFDA recognises that alcohol impairs the judgment of players.
- Alcohol is not to be served to a player prior to the completion of all games for the day for that player.

**9. Promoting the Responsible Use of Alcohol**

- The AFDA discourages excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- The AFDA encourages players to use safe transport options after the consumption of alcohol.
- The AFDA will actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol.
- The AFDA will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities

**10. Non-compliance with this policy**

- If members or sporting personnel become drunk at events, they will be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication will be breach of our Code of Conduct and can result in disciplinary action.
- If members consume alcohol before they participate in game, they will be asked to not participate in the remainder of the event, they will not be covered by insurance and will be in breach of our Code of Conduct and can result in further disciplinary action.
- If a player has been consuming alcohol before playing and have been informed by Tournament/League Director that they are not to participate, but continue to do so, they are putting themselves and other players at risk of injury. This is a breach of the Code of Conduct and will result in further disciplinary action.
- Serving alcohol to a minor is a criminal offence and can be reported to the police and the relevant liquor licensing authority. It can lead to heavy fines. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our sporting organisations Member Protection Policy to provide protection, safety and welfare of children.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at an event may be suspended for the remainder of the event. The young person's parents shall be advised and will be responsible for getting their child home at their own expense.
- Any member found to have behaved inappropriately because of an over-consumption of alcohol (e.g sexual harassment, verbal abuse, physical assault) will face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.