



TERRIGAL AVOCA A.F.C

ALCOHOL POLICY

Policy Statement

The Terrigal Avoca A.F.C is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family friendly and successful sport environment. All members of the Football Club have a responsibility to ensure that they take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety and that of others whilst in this environment by not being affected by alcohol to the extent that it impacts on their own or another person's recreational enjoyment or safety.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy, the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C defines alcohol and drugs as follows:

- "Alcohol" refers to any beverage, containing an alcoholic content that temporarily impairs a person's physical or mental capacity.
- "Member" refers to any Committee Person, Coach, Players or social member associated with the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C.

Our commitment

It is recognised that after match and weekend functions organised by the football club will involve the consumption of alcohol. It is expected that club members consume alcohol responsibly at these times and takes seriously any inappropriate behaviour that results from excessive drinking.

What we will do

Serving Alcohol

Alcohol will be served at the canteen in compliance with the requirements of our club's liquor licence and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of patrons.

- Only a person aged over 18 will be permitted to serve alcohol in the canteen. They are not permitted to drink while serving alcohol.
- The liquor licence will be displayed at the bar.

Intoxicated patrons

- Intoxicated patrons will not be served.

Underage drinking

- People aged under 18 will not knowingly be served alcohol.
- Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate, and only photo ID will be accepted.



Safe transport

- Intoxicated patrons will be encouraged to take safe transport home.

Food and other drinks

- A range of snacks and meals will be available when alcohol is served.
- The club will provide a selection of low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks, such as water, fruit juice, soft drink, tea and coffee.

Promoting the responsible use of alcohol

- We will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities.
- Department of Liquor and Gaming signs will be displayed in the canteen.

What we ask you to do

All members and sporting personnel are required to comply with the following.

- Drink and behave responsibly at all club functions, events and away trips.
- Do not supply alcohol to team members if they are aged under 18.
- Do not drink alcohol at the club, club functions, matches or while away on trips if you are aged under 18.
- Do not encourage others to drink alcohol excessively.
- Do not spike another person's drink.

Non-Compliance

The club will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined in this policy.

- If members or sporting personnel become drunk at the club or other social events they will be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication can result in disciplinary action (e.g. suspension or termination of membership).
- Spiking of drinks is a criminal offence that can be reported to police by victims. It can lead to serious police charges being laid against the offender/s. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our state sporting organisation's Member Protection Policy to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of members.
- Serving alcohol to a minor is a criminal offence that can be reported to the police and the relevant liquor licensing authority by victims and their parents. It can lead to heavy fines. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our state sporting organisation's Member Protection Policy to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of children.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at a club function or on a trip in the care of the club (e.g. while attending a rep carnival) may be suspended for the remainder of the competition/tournament. The young person's parents shall be advised and will be responsible for getting their son/daughter home at their own expense.



- Any member or sporting personnel found to have behaved inappropriately because of over-consumption of alcohol (e.g. sexual harassment, verbal abuse, physical assault, neglect of a child) will face disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by our Executive Committee.

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