

ALCOHOL POLICY

SECTION 1 PRELUDE

Safe Alcohol Policy is the philosophy of the Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland. Many sporting clubs see alcohol as an economic and social necessity; however there are serious consequences of excessive consumption that cannot be overlooked.

SECTION 2 ALCOHOL and SPORTS PERFORMANCE

Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland recognises the negative effects that alcohol can have on athlete performance and will maximise athlete performance by:

- minimising the amount of alcohol consumed before or during a game/match
- reinforcing with club members/guests the competitive disadvantages excessive alcohol consumption places on the athlete, eg display posters, signage
- reinforcing with all association-members, upon receipt of membership fee, the association's alcohol safe philosophy
- increasing awareness amongst association-members the effect role modelling has on young people

SECTION 3 LEGAL SYSTEM

Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland will not engage in any practices surrounding the service or supply of alcohol that is illegal and will not:

- sell or supply alcohol to people under the age of 18
- supply alcohol to people who are unduly intoxicated
- engage in any practice that encourages rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol

SECTION 4 PROMOTION OF SAFER DRINKING

Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland will promote safer drinking among its association-members through ensuring that:

- drinks are sold in approved containers
- water and food are made readily available at the bar
- an increased assortment of low and non-alcoholic drinks including tea/coffee are available
- major signage and promotions support low alcohol alternatives, eg Lite Beer and Happy Hours promoting low alcohol alternatives
- an appropriate pricing structure exists
- altered hours of services
- resources and signage increasing awareness of standard drinks and safe levels of drinking

SECTION 5 SAFE ENVIRONMENT and DUTY OF CARE

Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland seeks to provide a safe environment and accepts it's duty of care to its members and guests by:

- providing adequate lighting in and outside the venue
- providing adequate number of security personnel properly trained in their responsibilities towards ensuring safety of the premises and patrons
- not having promotional nights that could endanger members and/or guests
- not supplying or serving alcohol that can be foreseen as being publicly unacceptable
- defining 'wet and dry' areas
- providing a non-alcohol/fast service area for juniors and guests
- following 'duty of care' processes
- constantly monitoring the conduct of patrons on the premises to ensure that they are not a danger or nuisance to themselves or others
- removing or preventing entry to violent or overly aggressive or intoxicated people
- ensuring appropriate procedures are in place to enable unduly intoxicated patrons to return home safely without injury to themselves or others (for example, providing taxi services)

SECTION 6 TRAINING OF STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland will encourage adequate training to association-member's staff and volunteers about:

- psychological and social effects of alcohol
- recognising signs and stages of intoxication
- refusal of service, i.e. aggressive and/or intoxicated members/guests
- security

SECTION 7 RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

In preparing a risk management plan, the Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland will:

- identifying risks
- evaluating risks
- designing a risk management plan
- implementing risk management strategies