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## DBWA ALCOHOL POLICY

### SCOPE

This Policy applies to all participants at a DBWA organised or sanctioned event and, any person undertaking any role for or on behalf of DBWA at any event or function.

### OUR COMMITMENT

- DBWA supports the responsible consumption of alcohol and takes seriously any inappropriate behaviour that results from excessive drinking.
- Alcohol-free events will be provided for young people and families.
- We do not endorse or support events, celebrations, or end of season trips that involve excessive consumption of alcohol.

### WHAT WE WILL DO

#### Serving Alcohol

- Alcohol should not be available or consumed at sporting events involving children and young people under the age of 18.
- Food and low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at events DBWA hold, or endorse, where alcohol is served at a DBWA organised or endorsed event.
- A DBWA official is present to ensure appropriate practices in respect of the consumption of alcohol are followed.
- Safe transport options are promoted.
- Alcohol is served in compliance with the requirements of the Liquor Control Act and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of all patrons.
- Only Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) trained servers will be permitted to serve alcohol. RSA's are not permitted to drink while serving alcohol.
- The liquor licence will be displayed in all areas where alcohol is serviced.
- Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol is actively discouraged.
- A person aged under 18 is never permitted to be behind a bar under any circumstances.



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### INTOXICATED PATRONS

- Alcohol will not be served at DBWA held, or endorsed, events to any person who is intoxicated. Signs of intoxication include slurred speech, impaired balance, poor coordination, reduced inhibition, aggressive, belligerent and disrespectful behaviours.
- RSA's will follow procedures, provided in their training by the WA Liquor Commission, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave the event and safe travel options will be suggested.

### UNDERAGE DRINKING

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

### FOOD AND OTHER DRINKS AT DBWA ORGANISED OR ENDORSED EVENTS WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED

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

### PROMOTING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL AT DBWA ORGANISED OR ENDORSED EVENTS

- Posters promoting responsible drinking and standard drink measures will be prominently displayed in service areas.
- We will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities.
- We will educate members and supporters about our alcohol policy through our website, newsletter and other club communication.

### MEMBER, SPECTATOR AND PATRON RESPONSIBILITIES

- Drink and behave responsibly at all DBWA held, or endorsed events and functions.
- Do not supply alcohol to people aged under 18.
- Do not drink alcohol at DBWA held, or endorsed, events and functions if aged under 18.
- Do not bring alcohol or drink alcohol to DBWA held or endorsed events (e.g. as a spectator, in your role as a coach, as an official, or as a volunteer).
- Do not encourage others to drink alcohol excessively.
- Do not spike another person's drink.

### NON-COMPLIANCE

DBWA will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined within this policy.



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- If members, event spectators, patrons, or event personnel become intoxicated at DBWA held or endorsed events they will be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication will be in breach of the DBWA Code of Behaviour and 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 the AusDBF Member Protection Policy (which DBWA endorses) 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 the AusDBF Member Protection Policy (which DBWA endorses) to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of children.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at a DBWA held, or endorsed function, may be suspended for the remainder of the competition / event. 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 outlined in the AusDBF Member Protection Policy, or National Code of Conduct, which are both endorsed by DBWA.