



CANBERRA BMX

ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Rationale

This policy provides the basis for a balanced and responsible approach to the use of alcohol at **Canberra BMX Club** events and activities. This policy will help to ensure the club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and others who attend our club functions.
- Upholds the reputation of the club, sponsors, partners and *Good Sports*.
- Understand the risks associated with alcohol misuse and our role in minimising this risk.

While the club **does not sell alcohol** we acknowledge that alcohol may occasionally be consumed by adults at club related events and activities, such as meetings, trivia nights and other fundraising events. Accordingly, the following requirements will apply to all **adult** members, coaches, officials, committee members and club visitors.

General Principles

- The club will not advertise, promote or have alcohol served or consumed at junior events or activities.
- A risk management approach will be taken in planning events involving the supply or consumption of alcohol. Such events will be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.
- Alcohol misuse can lead to unsafe or unacceptable sexual and/or violent behaviour, drink-driving and other alcohol-related harm. Excessive consumption of alcohol will not be an excuse for unacceptable behaviour, particularly behaviour that endangers others or breaches the law, this policy or any other policy of the club.

Committee members, Members, Coaches and Officials

- Must not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol.
- Must not provide, encourage or allow people aged under 18 to consume alcohol.
- Must not participate in or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- Must not pressure anyone to drink alcoholic beverages.
- Must not post images on social media of themselves or others drinking alcohol at club-related activities.
- Must accept responsibility for own behaviour and take a responsible approach and use good judgment when alcohol is available.

Functions

If a club function will involve the availability of alcohol, it will be conducted at a licensed venue with trained RSA staff. The club will not include alcohol in the price of tickets (or will limit 'free' drinks to a maximum of two). Advertisements for functions will:

- Not overemphasise the availability of alcohol or refer to the amount of alcohol available
- Give equal reference to the availability of non-alcoholic drinks
- Display a clear start and finish time for the function.

Safe Transport

The club recognises that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community. Accordingly, the club implements a Safe Transport Policy that is reviewed regularly in conjunction with this Alcohol Management Policy. We ask that all adult attendees at our functions plan their transport requirements to ensure they arrive home safely and prevent driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Awards/prizes

The club will avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on or use alcohol as a reward.

Policy and Responsible Use of Alcohol Promotion

The club will:

- promote the alcohol management policy regularly
- educate club members and supporters about the alcohol policy and the benefits of having such a policy
- actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol
- pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources
- actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation's *Good Sports* program with an ongoing commitment to maintain Level 0 accreditation.

Non Compliance

All club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the facilities or function.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Signature

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Next policy review date is **10 Oct 17**