CLUB ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Overview
The purpose of this Policy is to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by all clubs fielding teams within the Western Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL).

Scope
In agreeing to play in the WAAFL, clubs (including clubs part of a sporting association) accept they have a responsibility to enforce this policy, and educate club members and supporters.

Clubs also accept the responsibilities and expectations of the community in **strictly adhering to the liquor licensing laws and conditions of any approvals** issued by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor (DRGL) and WAAFL requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. **Serving Alcohol**
   Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of the club's liquor licence and this policy in particular:-
   a) No liquor is to be sold before 1 pm on match days, unless prior approval by the WAAFL General Manager.
   b) The liquor licence will be displayed at the bar.
   c) Persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted to be served alcohol.
   d) Only Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) trained members/bar staff will be permitted to serve alcohol, unless an exemption has been approved by DRGL.
   e) The club will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
   f) Alcoholic drinks will be served in standard drink measures.
   g) All drink containers must be served opened.
   h) No packaged alcohol is to be sold over the bar (restricted licence).
   i) The club will display posters on liquor license regulations and education.

2. **Promoting the responsible use of alcohol**
   The club will actively demonstrate its commitment and pro-active attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol through the following:-
   a) Alcohol advertising will only appear at the bar.
   b) The club WILL NOT advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities.
   c) The club WILL NOT promote alcohol through 'cheap drink' strategies, such as happy hours.
   d) The club WILL NOT bring alcohol into the ground at which they are guests.
   e) The club will always purchase its alcoholic drinks from the bar at the club who is hosting it.
   f) The club will ensure all drinks purchased by its players, officials and supporters are consumed within the confines of the host club's licensed area.

   Due to unsafe health practices and possible contravention of liquor licensing laws, clubs are discouraged from consuming alcohol in change rooms immediately after a match.

   In the event that it comes to the notice of an official of either the host club or the visiting club that alcohol not purchased from the host club's bar is being consumed at the ground then both clubs agree to assist where possible implementing the following procedures:

   a) A member of both clubs' committee will approach the offender and ask them to remove their alcohol and if this request is not followed then the Park Ranger (or Police where specific Councils do not provide this service) will be called.

b) The host club has the right to lodge a formal complaint to the WAAFL with respect to any offending club officials, coaches, players and supporters.

3. Intoxicated patrons

a) Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated.
b) Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
c) Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave the club.
d) Intoxicated persons will be refused entry into the club.

4. Underage drinking

a) Alcohol will not be served to persons under the age of 18 years.
b) Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate.
c) Only photographic ID will be accepted.

5. Safe Transport

a) Bar staff will encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to exceed .05 blood alcohol concentration.
b) Contact telephone numbers for taxi services will be displayed at the bar.

6. Fundraising, Functions and Prizes

a) Promotions such as drink promotions, drinking competitions and all-inclusive cover charges should not be conducted on club premises.
b) The club will limit the number of alcohol or drink vouchers used for player awards.
c) Prizes for raffles and fundraising will not have an alcohol focus.

7. Food

The club will, wherever possible, actively promote and sell food whenever alcohol is available.

8. Bar Management

a) A list of all RSA trained club members will available at all times the bar is open. The list will also highlight RSA trained committee members.
b) Non and low alcoholic alternative drinks will be available at all times.
c) Tap water will be provided free of charge at the bar.
d) An incident register will be maintained to record any incidents that may occur in relation to compliance with this policy and the operation of the social rooms bar.
e) Bar staff will not be intoxicated or drink excessively while serving behind the bar.

9. Club Committee Responsibilities

The presence of committee members or the approved manager is essential to ensure the operation of the bar and policy compliance. A RSA trained person is required to be present at all club functions when the bar is open. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

a) Ensure compliance with this policy.
b) Meet visiting police, cooperate and assist with any inquiries.
c) Ensure the admission of members and their guests.
d) Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises.
e) Ensuring intoxicated people are refused service and are asked to leave the premises.
f) Ensuring strict compliance with the club policy in accordance with the key provisions of the Liquor Licence.
g) Recording any incidents in the incident register.

10. 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 club 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 committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

The General Manager may conduct any investigation into the non-compliance of this policy.

11. Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for club operation and that it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the Act, the policy will be reviewed annually.

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