

Montrose Football Club

Alcohol Policy/ March 2011



1. Purpose/Scope:

This policy establishes guidelines for the responsible serving and consumption of alcohol at all club activities to all club members & event attendees.

2. Background:

The responsible consumption of alcohol is an accepted part of club operations. Members have the expectation that the provision of alcohol be made available at many of the club activities within a social context and within the licensing restrictions and legislation (see liquor control reform act: TBA)

3. Policy:

Our club supports the responsible community consumption of alcohol and takes seriously any inappropriate behaviour that results from excessive drinking and strives to achieve level 3 status in the Good Sports program.

4. Procedure:

If the club sells, serves or supplies alcohol at a club function it will meet all liquor licensing requirements, depending on the license we hold (e.g. a limited or full license). and ensure alcohol will be served with due regard to the safety, comfort and well being of patrons. With this in mind:

- A committee person will be present at events where alcohol is served.
- Posters about responsible drinking and standard drinks measures will be prominently displayed.
- Only RSA trained personnel will be permitted to serve alcohol. They are not permitted to drink while serving alcohol. A person under the age of 18 will not be permitted to be behind the bar under any circumstances.
- People under 18 years will not knowingly be served alcohol, and will be asked for photo ID if we are unsure of their age.
- Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol will not be encouraged
- Alcohol will not be served to people who are intoxicated. Persons exhibiting aggressive, belligerent and/or disrespectful behaviour will be asked to leave.
- Efforts will be made to help people who exhibit signs of intoxication to get home safely (e.g. calling a taxi or arranging a safe lift home)
- A selection of low-cost, low- alcohol and alcohol free drinks (such as soft drinks and juices) will be provided at the bar and all social functions.
- Food options will be made available when alcohol is served.

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All members and other patrons are expected to comply with the following:

- Drink and behave responsibly at all club functions, events or when representing the club in any activity.
- Do not supply alcohol to anyone less than 18 years of age.
- Do not drink alcohol if you are under 18 at the club, club functions or matches.
- Do not bring alcohol to, or drink alcohol whilst at, games (e.g. as a spectator, or in any club official capacity on game days)
- Do not encourage others to drink alcohol excessively
- Do not spike another person's drink.

5. Breaches of Policy Provisions:

The Club will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined in this policy:

- If members or patrons are deemed to be intoxicated at club activities they will be asked to leave. Ongoing occurrences of intoxication will be in breach of codes of behaviour and can result in disciplinary action (e.g. suspension or termination of membership or in the case of non-members, bans from the club)
- Spiking of drinks or serving alcohol to minors are criminal offences that can be reported to police and lead to serious police charges being laid against the offender/s. Separate action can be taken against others who place the safety and welfare of others at risk.
- Any person under the age of 18 years found to consume alcohol while at a club function or activity may be suspended at the Board of Management's discretion. Where a person under the age of 18 is found to have consumed alcohol, parents shall be advised and be responsible for getting their son/daughter home at their own expense.
- Any Member or patron 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 at the Board of Management's discretion.

6. Related Policies:

- Bar and Canteen
- Liquor licensing act

7. Responsible for Implementation:

- Board of Management
- Bar Manager (Function Room)

8. Authorisation & Ratification by:

- MFC Board of Management