



ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by all Squash clubs in the Northern Territory.

Squash NT recognises the importance of holding a liquor license, in the value it adds to the club in enabling it to generate income and conduct social functions. In doing so the club also accepts 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 Business (Gambling & Licencing Services)

Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of the club's liquor licence, and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of patrons.

Licence

- The club will maintain a current liquor licence.
- No liquor is to be sold before 12.00 pm unless approval is given by the Licencing Commission.
- The liquor licence will be displayed at the bar.

Service of Alcohol

- Persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted to serve alcohol.
- Only Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) trained members/bar staff will be permitted to serve alcohol.
- The club will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- Alcoholic drinks will be served in standard drink measures.
- All drink containers must be served opened
- No packaged alcohol is to be sold over the bar (restricted licence)
- The club will actively demonstrate its commitment and pro-active attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol.
- The club will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities.
- The club will educate club members and supporters about this alcohol policy.
- The club will pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources.
- Alcohol advertising will only appear at the bar.
- The club will ensure that all drinks purchased by its players, officials and supporters are consumed within the confines of the club's legally appointed area.
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated.
- Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave the club.
- Intoxicated persons will be refused entry into the club.

Underage drinking

- Alcohol will not be served to persons under the age of 18 years.
- Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate.

- Only photographic ID will be accepted.

Safe Transport

- Bar staff shall encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to exceed .05 blood alcohol concentration.
- Bar staff will call or provide the number of a taxi service when requested

Fundraising, Functions and Prizes

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

Food

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

Bar Management

- A list of all RSA trained club members will be available at all times the bar is open.
- Non and low alcoholic alternative drinks will be available at all times.
- 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 bar.
- Bar staff will not be intoxicated or drink excessively while serving behind the bar.

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:

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

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 club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.