South Australian Amateur Soccer League Inc

Alcohol Management Policy

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1. Policy

1.1. This policy outlines South Australian Amateur Soccer League (SAASL) procedures for a balanced and responsible approach to the service, supply, consumption, and promotion of alcohol at League hosted games special events, functions, and other SAASL-related activities. It represents the League's commitment to players, volunteers, and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

1.2. This policy will help to ensure SAASL and its affiliated Clubs:

1.2.1. Understand their duty of care in relation to the health and safety of players, volunteers and visitors who attend any SAASL games, special events, functions, and other activities where alcohol may be consumed.

1.2.2. Uphold the reputation of SAASL, its sponsors and partners.

1.2.3. Understand the risks associated with alcohol misuse, and the Club's role in minimising this risk.

1.2.4. Comply with and obtain the required South Australian Liquor Licences.

1.3. SAASL affiliate Clubs are required to comply with this policy.

2. Rationale

SAASL recognises the legal responsibilities and the financial and social benefits of holding and/or operating a liquor licence in the community. The League is committed to the responsible management of alcohol consumption and to ensuring that liquor licensing laws are complied with.

General Principles

2.1. A risk management approach is to be taken in planning events and activities involving the sale, supply, or consumption of alcohol. Such events and activities must be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.

2.2. Alcohol misuse can lead to risk taking, unsafe, unacceptable, and/or illegal behaviour. 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 SAASL.

3. Conduct Expectations

While engaging in activities, players, volunteers, and visitors:

3.1. Will accept responsibility for their own behaviour, take a responsible approach and use good judgment when alcohol is available.

3.2. Will encourage and assist others to use good judgment when alcohol is available.

3.3. Will not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol.

3.4. Will not provide, encourage, or allow people aged under 18 years to consume alcohol.

3.5. Will not participate, pressure anyone, or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol (including drinking competitions).

3.6. Will not post images on social media of themselves or others drinking alcohol irresponsibly at SAASL-related activities.

4. Alcohol Management

Clubs affiliated to SAASL will ensure:

4.1. A current and appropriate liquor licence* is maintained.

4.2. The Club's liquor licence is displayed in not less than A4 in size as near as practical to the entrance of the clubroom or beside the bar/canteen (as required by relevant state law).

4.3. All required liquor licence signage is displayed in each area covered by the Club's licence.

4.4. The Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) trained personnel must wear identification badges at all relevant times when acting in the role.

4.5. Servers of alcohol do not consume alcohol when on duty.

4.6. Information posters about 'Standard Drink measures' are displayed prominently near where alcohol is served.

4.7. Hot and cold food, where possible, is available for sale when alcohol is available. Healthy food options are to be provided, where possible.

5. Service of Alcohol

Alcohol will be served according to the South Australian Liquor Licence with the safety and well-being of people being the priority at Clubs events. Clubs are required to ensure:

5.1. Only RSA trained bar servers with current qualifications serve alcohol.

5.2. Standard drink measures are used for non-pre-packaged alcohol (e.g. drinks in glasses), where possible.

5.3. Servers are aware of standard drink sizes and are competent in measuring standard drinks.

5.4. The service of double measures of spirits is discouraged.

5.5. People aged under 18 years do not serve alcohol.

5.6. Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol is discouraged. As a general rule, Clubs will not conduct happy hours, cheap drink promotions, or drinking competitions.

6. Intoxicated People

For the purposes of this policy, a person is defined as in a state of intoxication if his or her speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected and there are reasonable grounds for believing that this is the result of the consumption of alcohol.

6.1. Intoxicated people should not be permitted to enter any Club's premises.

6.2. Alcohol must not be served to any person who is, or appears, intoxicated.

6.3. Servers will follow RSA training procedures when refusing service to an intoxicated person.

6.4. If a person becomes intoxicated and is not putting other people at risk with their behaviour the person will not be served alcohol but will be provided with water and options for safe transport home, where available.

6.5. If a person becomes intoxicated and is, or is likely to, put other people at risk due to their behaviour, the person must be asked to leave the premises immediately and offered safe transport options, where available. Police may also be contacted to remove the person, if required.

6.6. Any alcohol-related incident and any action taken must be recorded in the Club's incident register.

7. Underage Drinking

7.1. Alcohol will not be served to persons aged under 18 years of age.

7.2. Bar servers will ask for proof of age whenever the age of a person requesting alcohol is in doubt.

7.3. Only photo identification will be accepted as 'proof of age'.

7.4. Drinking alcohol in the change-rooms should be discouraged to reduce the risk of minors being served alcohol illegally.

8. Availability of Non-Alcoholic and Low Alcohol Drinks

SAASL actively encourages the sale of non-alcoholic and low alcohol drinks. Clubs should ensure:

8.1. Water is provided free of charge (where available).

8.2. At least four non-alcoholic drinks and one low-alcoholic drink option are available and priced at least 10% cheaper than the cheapest full-strength alcoholic drink. Healthy drink options should be provided, where possible.

8.3. Non-alcoholic drinks are clearly visible and adequate in variety and supply.

9. Functions

Advertisements for Club functions should promote safe celebrations by:

9.1. Not over-emphasising the availability of alcohol.

9.2. Giving equal reference to the availability of non-alcoholic drinks.

9.3. Including a safe transport message, where possible and relevant.

10. Safe Transport

The League expects that all attendees at SAASL and Club functions plan their transport requirements to ensure they arrive home safely and prevent driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

11. Awards/Prizes

Clubs should avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol as a reward.

12. Promoting this Policy and Responsible Use of Alcohol

SAASL will:

12.1. Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it through the SAASL website, social media, and announcements during events and functions.

12.2. Actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol and promote positive messages through its social media platforms.

13. Non-Compliance

Clubs are required to uphold this policy and should handle any non-compliance, particularly regarding licencing laws as follows:

13.1. Give an explanation of the policy to the person/people concerned, including identifying the section of the policy to which the non-compliance relates, and put steps in place to ensure compliance.

13.2. Have at least two members of the Club handle any continued non-compliance with the policy. They should use their discretion as to the action to be taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the facilities or function.

14. Policy Management

An RSA qualified person must be present at any Club event or activity where alcohol is being sold or served to ensure compliance with this policy and liquor licensing laws.

** Unless exempt from having a Licence under State specific laws.*

Signed SAASL President

23/2/2026

Date

Signed SAASL Business Manager

24/2/26

Date