

Alcohol Policy



Our commitment

We support the responsible consumption of alcohol and takes seriously any inappropriate behaviour that results from excessive drinking.

We will not endorse or support events or celebrations that involve excessive consumption of alcohol.

What we will do

Consumption of Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol, if present at an event, will be managed in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of all present at that event.

- Designated Officers will be present at all events where alcohol is to be present who will not consume alcohol for the duration of the event
- The liquor licence (if alcohol is being sold in a licenced venue) will be displayed at the bar.
- Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol will be discouraged.

Intoxicated patrons

- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated. Signs of intoxication include slurred speech, impaired balance, poor coordination, reduced inhibition, aggressive, belligerent and disrespectful behavior.
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave. Safe travel options will be suggested.

Underage drinking

- People aged under 18 will not be served alcohol.

Safe transport

- We encourage intoxicated members and event attendees to take safe transport home.
- We encourage and support a designated driver program.

Food and other drinks

- A range of snacks and/or meals will be available when alcohol is served.
- We will ensure that a selection of low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks, such as fruit juice, soft drink, tea, coffee, and water are available at all social functions.

Promoting the responsible use of alcohol

- Alcohol will be prohibited at events or activities specific for Youth members.
- We will inform members and supporters about our alcohol policy through our website, program, and other communications.

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What we ask you to do

All members and supporting personnel are required to comply with the following.

- Drink and behave responsibly at all band functions, events and away trips.
- Do not supply alcohol to band members if they are aged under 18.
- Do not drink alcohol at rehearsals, functions, or while away on trips if you are aged under 18.
- Do not encourage others to drink alcohol excessively.
- Do not spike another person's drink.

Non-Compliance

We will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined in this policy.

- If members become drunk they will be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication will be in breach of our Code of Behaviour and can result in disciplinary action (e.g. suspension or termination of membership).
- Spiking of drinks is a criminal offence that can be reported to police by victims. It can lead to serious police charges being laid against the offender/s. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our bands Member Protection Policy to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of members.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at a function or on a tour in the care of the band (e.g. while attending a regional tour or a contest) may be sent home. The young person's parents shall be advised and will be responsible for getting their child home at their own expense.
- Any member 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 as outlined in our Member Protection Policy or Code of Behaviour.