

		FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA Procedures and Policies	
Subject:	Alcohol and Responsible Event Management Policy	Date Implemented	April 2019
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1. Policy

1.1. This policy outlines Football South Australia's approach to the responsible planning and delivery of events and activities where alcohol may be present. It establishes clear expectations regarding the service, supply, consumption, and promotion of alcohol, while also addressing broader event responsibilities including safety, behaviour, and duty of care.

1.2. Football South Australia is committed to providing safe, inclusive, and well-managed environments for all participants, staff, volunteers, and attendees.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All Football South Australia hosted games, events and functions
- All staff, contractors, volunteers and officials
- All attendees, including players, spectators and guests

3. Legislative and Compliance Framework

3.1. Football South Australia will comply with:

- Liquor Licensing Act 1997 (SA) and associated regulations
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) requirements
- Relevant Work Health and Safety legislation
- Football South Australia safeguarding and child safety policies.

3.2. Football South Australia also aligns with the Alcohol and Drug Foundation Good Sports Program.

3.3. The provisions of this policy reflect Football South Australia's obligations under applicable liquor licensing legislation and licence conditions. Where any inconsistency exists between this policy and relevant legislation or licence conditions, the legislation and licence conditions will prevail.

4. Guiding Principles

4.1. A risk-based approach will be applied to all events involving alcohol.

4.2. Events will prioritise:

- Safety and wellbeing of all attendees
- Responsible consumption of alcohol
- Compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements

4.3. Alcohol misuse will not be accepted as an excuse for inappropriate, unsafe or unlawful behaviour.

4.4. Football South Australia adopts a zero-tolerance approach to illegal drug use at all events and activities.

5. Event Planning and Risk Management

5.1. All events involving alcohol must include a risk assessment, considering:

- Crowd profile and size
- Presence of minors
- Security requirements
- Alcohol service controls

5.2. Event Planning must ensure appropriate:

- Staffing and supervision
- RSA Coverage
- Incident response procedures

6. Conduct Expectations

6.1. Football South Australia expects all attendees to:

- Must take responsibility for their behaviour
- Must not engage in excessive or unsafe alcohol consumption
- Must not pressure others to consume alcohol
- Must not participate in games, training or officiating while affected by alcohol.

6.2. In addition:

- Alcohol-related behaviour that breaches Football SA policies may result in disciplinary action
- Social media content must not depict irresponsible alcohol use at Football SA activities

7. Alcohol Management

7.1. Football South Australia will ensure:

- A current and appropriate liquor Licence is obtained and maintained.
- All required Licence signage is displayed in accordance with legislation.
- A register of RSA – certified personnel is maintained.
- RSA-qualified personnel are clearly identifiable when on duty.
- Staff serving alcohol:
 - Must hold a current RSA certificate (SA)
 - Must not consume alcohol while on duty, consistent with liquor licensing requirements.

7.2. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are available at all events where alcohol is served.

8. Service of Alcohol

8.1. Alcohol will only be served by RSA-qualified personnel

8.2. Standard drink measures will be used where possible.

8.3. Service practices must:

- Discourage excessive consumption
- Avoid promotions such as drinking competitions or rapid consumption activities

8.4. Persons under 18:

- Must not be served alcohol
- Must not serve alcohol in circumstances requiring RSA qualifications.

9. Intoxication Management

9.1. Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated

9.2. Intoxicated persons may:

- Be refused entry
- Be refused service
- Be required to leave the premises

9.3. Staff are authorised to escalate incidents to:

- Venue management
- Security personnel
- Emergency services (including police), where required

9.4. All incidents must be reported to Football South Australia and noted on an incident register.

10. Underage Protection

10.1. Alcohol will not be served to persons under 18 years.

10.2. Valid photo identification must be requested where age is in doubt.

10.3. This section must be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

10.4. Alcohol consumption in change rooms is discouraged to minimize risk to minors.

11. Non-Alcoholic Options

Football South Australia will ensure:

- Free water is available where possible
- A range of non-alcoholic and low-alcoholic options are available.
- These options are visible, accessible and appropriately priced.

12. Marketing and Promotion

Event promotion will:

- Not emphasis alcohol as the primary focus.
- Promote safe and inclusive environment
- Avoid messaging that encourages excessive consumption
- Include safe transport messaging where appropriate.

13. Safe Transport

13.1. Football South Australia encourages attendees to utilise safe transport options including:

- Designated drivers
- Rideshare or taxi services
- Organised transport where appropriate

13.2. Attendees are expected to plan safe travel to and from events.

14. Awards/Prizes

Football South Australia will avoid providing alcohol as the primary form of awards, prizes, or incentives.

15. Incident and Non-Compliance Management

15.1. All breaches of this policy will be addressed in accordance with Football SA procedures.

- 15.2. Actions may include:
- Removal from venue or event
 - Suspension from participation
 - Referral to relevant authorities
 - Internal review and disciplinary action

16. Policy Promotion:

Football South Australia will:

- Make this policy publicly available
- Promote responsible behaviour messaging
- Educating clubs and stakeholders on expectations

17. Policy Management

A responsible RSA-qualified person must be present at all events or functions where alcohol is served.

18. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if required to ensure alignment with legislation, best practice, and organisational needs.

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

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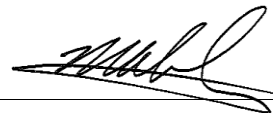
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Football South Australia President

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Football South Australia CEO

Next policy review date is March 2028