



WESTLAWN TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB FUNCTION MANAGEMENT POLICY

Alcohol Inclusive Functions

This may include events such as meetings, after training or matches, end of season/presentation functions, sponsors' functions, trivia nights and other fundraising events. In particular, the club holds many of its functions at licensed venues including our sponsor's venue- The Village Green Hotel.

Introduction

Whilst it is always preferable for members to purchase their own drinks across the bar as this practice reduces high risk drinking and allows bar servers to monitor patron behaviour there are functions where clubs prefer to include alcohol as part of the overall ticket price. To prevent such events being seen by some as 'all you can drink' it is important for restrictions on alcohol availability. The following document sets out a number of strategies our club can implement to limit risky drinking practices thereby protecting members.

Strategies to Limit Risky Practices

1	Limited time of event where alcohol is included within ticket price – no more than 120 minutes, taken in full or broken into separate time blocks. After this time expires drinks purchased at bar prices. This time allocation includes recommendation of guideline 2 from the National Health & Medical Research Council 2009, page 51, which states 'for healthy men and women, drinking no more than 4 standard drinks on a single occasion reduces the risk of alcohol-related injury arising from that occasion'
2	Drinks only purchased by patrons for their own consumption from the bar where trained RSA bar servers are present
3	Availability of substantial food.
4	Communication of the function conditions to members via social media prior to event and via MC during events.
5	Periods of time during a function where alcohol is not available eg rest periods or when entertainment is occurring. Length of time decided by organisers of function

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.