

Alcohol Management Policy – Kotara JRLFC

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible use and/or non-use of alcohol by the Kotara Junior Rugby League Football Club. The Club provides Junior Rugby League services during winter & administers a Senior's touch football competition during Summer.

The club recognises the value & importance of a current liquor licence. The licence provides a means to generate income and hold social events for the benefit of its members & patrons. The Kotara JRLFC also accepts the responsibilities and expectations of the community in strictly adhering to the N.S.W. liquor licence laws.

To ensure the aims of the club are maintained and that the club and its members manage the serving of alcohol responsibly, the following requirements will apply during an event or function that involves the serving of alcohol.

Serving Alcohol During Events.

The Club maintains a current Liquor License in accordance with the Club's Limited License No. LILQ550010039. Alcohol will be served according to the legal and moral requirements of the Club's Liquor Licence with the safety and well being of patrons a priority.

The Club's multi – function limited licence allows serving of alcohol as follows:

Nominated Junior Rugby League functions such as a Ladies Day & end of Season Presentation Day in specific designated areas.

Seniors Summer Touch Football each Wednesday between 5.30-10.00pm during the months of October to March.

Persons under the age of 18 years are strictly not permitted the serving of alcohol during any of the above events. Persons under the age of 18 must also be accompanied with a parent, spouse or guardian while attending a designated club event where alcohol is to be served.

The Liquor License and all appropriate legal signage will be displayed at the canteen bar area during the serving of alcohol. Information posters about standard drink measures will also be displayed. Our Club specifies that all servers of alcohol must hold a current RSA qualification.

The Club does not encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol in order to avoid alcohol related anti social incidents. An incident register shall be maintained and record any such incident.

Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated or drunk. Club members serving alcohol will follow RSA training procedures when refusing service as a result of suspected intoxication.

Legal Age for the Serving Of Alcohol.

Alcohol will not be served to persons aged under 18. Servers and committee members will ask for proof of age whenever necessary or whenever in doubt of a persons age.

Photo ID's will be requested & accepted to prove age. It is strictly prohibited for members to purchase alcohol for persons under the age of 18.

The Availability of Alcohol Alternatives:

Tap water is provided free of charge and a water container & cups is located on the canteen bar servery. Non-alcoholic drinks including sports drinks, juice, soft drink, bottled water and one low strength alcoholic drink option is always available as an alternative to full strength drinks. Lower pricing of these products will also encourage sales of alternative products to that of alcohol. Hot & packaged foods will also be available when serving alcohol.

Safe Transport of Patrons

The Club will endeavour to assist in the safe transport of patrons in situations where patrons are asked to leave the premises due to intoxication.

Compliance to Alcohol Management Policy

All club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance in regard to Liquor Licence Laws will require the explanation and further education of the Club policy to the person/people concerned.

Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two 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.

Committee Policy Management:

The presence of general committee members at designated events is essential to ensure the operation of policy compliance. RSA trained committee members are required to be present at all club functions when alcohol is being served. Key responsibilities of a duty committee member while serving alcohol are as follows:

Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises

Ensuring intoxicated people are refused service and encouraged to consume alternative non-alcoholic drinks to lessen intoxication.

Patrons may also be requested to leave the premises as a result of alcohol related behaviour. Record any such incidents in the incident register

Promotion of the Club's Alcohol Management Policy

The club will promote the alcohol management policy regularly. The club recognises the importance of educating club members, in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process. A copy of the policy be available on the Club's website.

All general committee members are encouraged to complete a Responsible Service of Alcohol course.

The club will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Accreditation Program.

Alcohol Management Policy Review:

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for the club operations and it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the N.S.W. Liquor Act 2007 Act, the general committee will periodically review the policy.

**Policy endorsed by all Committee members of
The Kotara Junior Rugby League Club**