



# SMOKE FREE, SAFE TRANSPORT AND ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Athletics South Australia

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## ATHLETICS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### RATIONALE

*This policy provides the basis for a balanced and responsible approach to the use of alcohol at Athletics South Australia events and activities.*

#### **This policy will help to ensure Athletics SA:**

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and others who attend our club functions.
- Upholds the reputation of the club, sponsors, partners and *Good Sports*.
- Understand the risks associated with alcohol misuse and our role in minimising this risk.

The following requirements will apply to all participants, coaches, officials, members, committee members, visitors, facilities, functions and other activities undertaken by Athletics SA where alcohol may be consumed.

### General Principles

In committing to the health and safety of our members, and upholding our Association's values, we will ensure a risk management approach is taken in planning events/activities involving the supply or consumption of alcohol and such events will be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.

#### **Committee Members, Members, Players and Officials**

- Must not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol
- Must not provide, encourage or allow people aged under 18 to consume alcohol
- Must not participate in or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol (including drinking competitions)
- Must not pressure anyone to drink alcoholic beverages
- Must accept responsibility for own behaviour and take a responsible approach and use good judgment when alcohol is available.

### Policy and Responsible Use of Alcohol Promotion

Athletics SA will promote and celebrate its commitment to the safety and health of our members by limiting alcohol within the Athletics SA environment. Athletics SA will follow Good Sports' recommendations in regards to non-compliance of policy, along with Athletics SA's other existing policies, should it ever have to deal with members in breach of this document.

Athletics SA will actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's *Good Sports* program with an ongoing priority to reach and maintain Level 3 accreditation as well as strongly encouraging it's affiliated clubs to do so.

## Advertising

Advertisements for functions will not over-emphasise the availability of alcohol or encourage excessive drinking.

## Safe Transport

Athletics SA recognises that it has a duty of care to all members and guests involved in Athletics SA-related activities and that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community. Accordingly, official Athletics SA functions that involved the consumption of alcohol, Athletics SA will promote safe travel by encouraging members to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely
- Plan ahead and arrange overnight accommodation (where relevant)
- Share a taxi (where available) with friends
- Catch public transport (where available)
- Ride with a driver who hasn't been drinking alcohol or taking drugs

## Smoking

Athletics SA recognises that environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it. Role modelling can have a significant impact upon junior members and participants and making smoking less visible and less socially acceptable can be advantageous in attracting new members and participants as well as positively promoting the club in the community. Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

### Accordingly:

- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and athletes smoking at Athletics SA activities are to be placed on social media
- Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted
- Functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at Athletics SA facilities are to be smoke free and also, where possible, events held away from Athletics SA's primary facilities.
- Ensure compliance with all sections of this policy in accordance with legal requirements.

## Policy Review

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