



## Griffith Hockey Association

In consultation with WWCHA

### **Safe and Responsible Alcohol Use at the Hockey Grounds**

With the support of our parent body, Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association, Griffith Hockey recognises the right of every individual to enjoy him or herself in a safe, sociable and responsible environment.

With this in mind the following policy has been formulated to reinforce the expectations for duty of care when consuming alcohol at the Hockey Grounds.

This policy is intended to facilitate a friendly, safe and enjoyable environment where alcohol is consumed responsibly.

The Association is mindful of its junior membership and the importance of providing positive role models for young players and supporters. This policy is to be reviewed annually.

- Alcohol is not to be consumed at or during Junior Games/Events.
- Alcohol is not to be consumed within the player dugouts or the technical area. (in absence of a physical dugout, an estimated 5m zone around the halfway line is to be enforced)
- The Association and Clubs/Teams are not to allow administrators (e.g. Managers and Umpires) and players to consume alcohol before or during (e.g. half time) hockey games.
- The Association environment reinforces responsible alcohol use, through the display of relevant posters around the canteen area, as well as on the Associations Web and Facebook pages.
- The Association encourages and promotes safe transport options wherever possible (e.g. designated drivers).
- Alcohol **must only be in cans**, bottles are not allowed inside and outside the hockey fields, and must not be offered on a 'for sale' basis.
- The Association and Committee promotes responsible alcohol use through providing positive role models in the behaviour of coaches, club officials, parents and other influential adults.
- Club/Team and Association officials are to monitor their members and where appropriate initiate action which may include asking members to leave the grounds.

Breaches of the policy will be addressed by the Association Board.

Anyone wishing to discuss any aspect of this policy is invited to contact any Committee member of the association.

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