



POLICY

Alcohol Policy

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Position Statement

SLSA Member Protection Policy 6.05

3.5.3.1 Use, possession or supply of alcohol or drugs

Definitions

PPA - Persons in Positions of Authority

CYP – Children and Young People

While on duty or carrying out their roles, a member including but not only PPA must not:

- Use, possess or be under the influence of an illegal or illicit drug
- Use or be under the influence of alcohol
- Be incapacitated by any other legal drug such as prescription or over-the-counter drugs
- Supply alcohol or drugs (including tobacco) to CYP participating in any SLS service, program, event or activity.

Use of legal drugs other than alcohol is permitted, provided such use does not interfere with PPA’s ability to care for CYP involved in SLS services, programs, events or activities.

Responsible service and consumption of alcohol should apply to any alcohol consumed. Responsible services might include ensuring that light alcohol and soft drinks always being available. Wherever possible, food might be made available to be consumed when alcohol is available, or transport policies may be adopted.

All SLS Entities must adhere to strict guidelines regarding the responsible service and consumption of alcohol and act in accordance with relevant liquor licence laws and regulations.

Purpose

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) encourages all members to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. SLSNT recognises that alcohol is legal and the enjoyment of alcoholic beverages is widespread by adults in our society.

SLSNT also recognises that medical research shows that alcohol mismanagement and abuse may be hazardous to health. Excessive alcohol consumption can result in significant alcohol-related harm to individuals and have a detrimental effect on relationships between members, friends and families. Alcohol significantly reduces sporting performance and restricts ability to perform lifesaving duties.

This Alcohol Management Policy aims to protect and promote the best health outcomes for members and the public during all Surf Life Saving activities.

SLSNT Activities and Functions

SLSNT will ensure that at SLSNT activities and functions:

- Any licensed premise we use for functions and activities will have a valid Liquor License
- All conditions of the Liquor License will be adhered to,
- Free water will be readily available,
- The consumption of low strength alcoholic drinks will be promoted.

Intoxicated Patrons

- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated or drunk, signs of intoxication include slurred speech, impaired balance, poor coordination, reduced inhibition, aggressive, belligerent and disrespectful behaviour,
- Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training by the Liquor Licensing Commission, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons,
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave. Safe travel options will be suggested.

Underage Drinking

- Alcohol will not be served to persons aged under 18 years,
- Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate, and only photo ID will be accepted.

Junior Surf Sport & Activities

SLSNT will ensure that at SLSNT junior Surf Sports events and activities follow the Good Sports Program:

- Will not use alcoholic brand beverages to sponsor junior competitors/competitions,
- Alcohol will not be available for sale during junior competition,
- BYO alcohol will not be permitted to be consumed during junior competition,
- Alcohol will not be served at junior presentations or events,
- Alcohol will only be available in a designated area way from juniors if presentations are combined with seniors.

Club Activities and Functions

Club activities and functions are not under the control of SLSNT, however SLSNT will ensure affiliated clubs:

- Maintain a current and appropriate Liquor License,
- Adhere to all conditions of the Liquor License,
- Adopt SLSNT's guidelines for junior surf sports and activities.

Policy Communication & Promotion

Effective communication of the Alcohol Management Policy is vital in establishing acceptance by members, minimising policy breaches and providing an environment safe from alcohol-related harm.

SLSNT will promote the Alcohol Management Policy regularly by:

- Encouraging affiliated clubs to adopt the Good Sports Program,
- Ensuring affiliated clubs comply with NT Regulations.

Policy Review

This policy must be reviewed at least annually.