



St Mary's Tennis Club Alcohol Management Policy



This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible use of alcohol by the St Mary's Tennis Club and is seen as fundamental to the aims of the club.

The St Mary's Tennis Club currently holds a BYO Permit that authorises the consumption, possession and control of liquor at the club. The BYO permit allows the club and/or its members to bring their own alcohol. The club is not allowed to sell alcohol in any circumstance.

The club recognises the importance in holding a BYO Permit and the value it adds to the club but in doing so the club also accepts the responsibilities and expectations of the community in strictly adhering to the liquor licensing laws.

To ensure the aims of the club are upheld and that the club and its members manage alcohol responsibly, the following requirements will apply when alcohol is consumed at the club.

Consumption of Alcohol

Alcohol will be consumed according to the legal and moral requirements of the club's Liquor License with the safety and well being of patrons the priority.

- The Club maintains a current appropriate B.Y.O. permit
- Consumption of alcohol only during times indicated on clubs' B.Y.O. Permit
- The club does not encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol
- Information posters about Standard Drink measures will be displayed in the clubrooms
- The B.Y.O. Permit and appropriate signage will be displayed in the clubrooms
- Certificates of RSA trained bar staff will be stored on site
- An incident register shall be maintained and any incident recorded
- No alcohol is to be stored on the premises

Intoxicated Patrons

- Intoxicated or drunk patrons can be asked to stop consuming and/or asked to leave the premises

Underage Drinking

- Alcohol will not be consumed by persons aged under 18
- Committee members will ask for proof of age whenever necessary or whenever in doubt
- Only photo ID's will be accepted

Alcohol Alternatives

The Club recognises that alcohol is **NOT** a revenue stream for the club. Further, the club commitments to the following -

- Tap water is provided free of charge.
- The club encourages availability of food whilst patrons consume alcohol
- The club will avoid player prizes and raffle prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol

Safe Transport

The St Mary's Tennis Club recognises that on occasions alcohol may be consumed at special functions / committee meetings held away from the club premises and that as a club we are responsible for the safety of our members. We will also serve and consume alcohol in compliance with all Licensing Laws

Non Compliance

All club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance, particularly in regard to Licensing Laws will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with
- 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

The club will monitor and ensure any away games and/or club trips strictly adhere to responsible behaviour and alcohol consumption in accordance with the principles of this policy and the aims of the club Mission and Values Statement.

Committee Policy Management

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure the safe consumption of alcohol and policy compliance. At least one duty committee member who are RSA trained is required to be present at all club events where alcohol is consumed. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

- Meet visiting police, cooperate and assist with any inquiries
- Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises
- Ensuring intoxicated people are not consuming alcohol and are asked to leave the premises when deemed appropriate
- Ensuring strict compliance with the club policy in accordance with the key provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act
- Recording any incidents in the incident register

Policy Promotion

The club will promote the alcohol management policy regularly by:

- Publishing a copy of the policy in club newsletters, league programs and printed member/ player information
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms
- Periodic announcements to members at functions

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

The club will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Accreditation Program with an ongoing priority to maintain Level 3 accreditation.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for club operation and that it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act, the policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed: **The St Mary's Tennis Club Committee**

Date: **18/02/2016**