

Mount Martha Junior Football Club

Alcohol Management Policy



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1. Purpose

Mt Martha Junior Football Club is committed to providing a safe, family-friendly and responsible environment for all players, families, volunteers and visitors.

As a junior sporting club, we recognise that many of our players are under 18. The responsible management and consumption of alcohol is therefore particularly important.

This policy applies throughout the football season and at all Mt Martha Junior Football Club activities and events.

2. Junior Matches and Training

Alcohol is not to be consumed by players, coaches, team officials or volunteers while participating in junior training sessions or matches.

The Club will not promote alcohol consumption as part of junior training or match-day activities.

Where alcohol is available at a venue during or following junior football, it must only be supplied and consumed in accordance with the venue's liquor licence and Victorian liquor laws.

3. Club Functions and Social Events

The Club may make alcohol available at approved club functions and social events, including presentation nights, fundraising events and other authorised functions.

Where alcohol is available:

- Alcohol will only be supplied to persons aged 18 years and over.
- Anyone who appears under 25 should expect to be asked to provide acceptable proof of age.
- No acceptable identification means no alcohol service.
- Responsible Service of Alcohol requirements apply at all times.
- Intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol.
- Alcohol must only be sold, supplied and consumed within the areas and times permitted by the applicable liquor licence.
- Non-alcoholic drinks and water will be readily available.

4. Players Aged 18 and Over

The Club recognises that some players participating in our older-age junior teams may be aged 18 or over.



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At approved club social functions where alcohol service is permitted, players who are aged 18 or over will generally be treated in the same manner as other adults attending the function.

They may purchase and consume alcohol provided that:

- They provide acceptable proof of age when requested.
- They comply with all RSA requirements.
- Their behaviour remains appropriate for a junior sporting club environment.
- They comply with any additional conditions applying to the particular event or venue.
- Being a registered junior player does not, by itself, prevent an adult aged 18 or over from being served alcohol at an approved Club social function.

5. Players Under 18

Alcohol must not be sold, supplied or provided to any player or other person under the age of 18 at a licensed Club venue or function.

Parents, players, coaches and other adults must not purchase or obtain alcohol on behalf of an under-18 player.

The Club takes secondary supply of alcohol seriously.

6. Coaches and Team Officials

Coaches and team officials have an important leadership responsibility within the Club.

Coaches and officials must not consume alcohol while carrying out coaching, match-day or direct player-supervision responsibilities.

At an approved social function, coaches and officials aged 18 or over may consume alcohol responsibly once their football responsibilities have concluded, provided they are not responsible for supervising minors and the event conditions permit alcohol consumption.

7. Responsible Behaviour

All adults consuming alcohol at Club functions are expected to demonstrate appropriate behaviour around junior players.

Excessive drinking, intoxication, aggressive behaviour, inappropriate language or behaviour inconsistent with the values of Mt Martha Junior Football Club will not be accepted.



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The Club reserves the right to refuse service, ask a person to leave, or take further action where behaviour does not meet Club expectations.

8. Presentation Nights and End-of-Season Functions

Presentation nights and other formal Club functions are considered Club social events. Where the bar is authorised to operate:

- Persons aged 18+ may purchase alcohol subject to RSA and licence conditions.
- Anyone who appears under 25 should be asked for identification.
- Under-18 players must not be supplied alcohol.
- Adults must not purchase alcohol for under-18 players.
- The Club expects all attendees, including 18+ players, to consume alcohol responsibly given the presence of junior players.
- The Club may introduce additional event-specific conditions where considered appropriate.

9. Club Responsibility

The Committee will ensure that:

- The Club understands and complies with the liquor licence applicable to each venue or event.
- Required RSA procedures are followed.
- Appropriate signage is displayed where required.
- People responsible for alcohol service understand their responsibilities.
- Particular consideration is given to the presence and supervision of minors.
- Any additional council, venue or liquor licence requirements are followed.

10. Our Approach

Mt Martha Junior Football Club is a junior sporting club first and foremost.

Our approach is not to prohibit responsible alcohol consumption by adults, but to ensure alcohol is managed appropriately and never detracts from the safe, positive and family-focused environment we want for our players.