



Mindarie Netball Club Alcohol, Smoking, Safe Transport & Management Policy

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1. PURPOSE

The intention of this policy is to outline our procedures at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

2. RATIONALE

This policy provides a basis for Mindarie Netball Club to be a positive influence on younger club members and make the club a safe and healthy place for families to play and enjoy netball. The Policy also assists our club to:

- Meet our duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and visitors who attend our club games, events, functions and other activities.
- Uphold the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understand and reduce the risks associated with alcohol, smoking, food safety and inappropriate behaviour.

This policy applies to all our members, volunteers and visitors.

3. ALCOHOL

Mindarie Netball Club is alcohol free. We do not permit the consumption of alcohol at club related events and activities including meetings, after training or games, end of season/presentation functions, sponsor's functions, trivia nights and other fundraising events. We understand alcohol misuse can lead to unsafe or unacceptable behaviour, drink-driving and other alcohol-related harm.

Our club will ensure:

- Alcohol is not advertised, promoted, served or consumed at any club games, events,



functions or activities.

- Alcohol is not brought into the club premises and grounds during club games, events, functions or activities i.e. no BYO.
- Committee members, members, players and officials will not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol or other drugs.

Any person who comes to club-related activities and seems intoxicated will be asked to leave and provided with options for safe transport from our club, where available. Police may be contacted to remove the person, if required. (For the purposes of this policy, a person is defined as being in a state of intoxication if his or her speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected and there are reasonable grounds for believing that this is the result of the consumption of alcohol.)

- Our club will avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol.
- Alcohol sponsorship, brands and products are not sought, promoted or advertised by the club and are not placed on club apparel.
- Alcohol is not provided as an award to a player or official for any reason.
- Club organised trips, particularly end of season player trips strictly adhere to responsible behaviour in accordance with the principles of this policy and the values of the club.

4. SMOKING

Mindarie Netball Club is smoke free. We understand the harmful effects of smoking on health, fitness and performance in sport and that passive smoking (secondhand tobacco smoke) is also hazardous to health.

Non-smokers should be protected from the involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke at our games, events, functions and other activities.

Our club will ensure:

- All events will be promoted as smoke-free, regardless of where they are held.
- Members, volunteers and visitors will know we are a smoke free club and will abide by our club policy.
- No-smoking signage and/or signage promoting events as smoke-free will be displayed around the club and at games, events or functions (where possible).

5. SAFE TRANSPORT

Mindarie Netball Club recognises mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely. Driving when over the legal blood alcohol limit is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community.



If any committee members, members, players or officials are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, our club will take steps to help them get home safely. For example, offer them a ride home or call a taxi or sober person to collect them.

6. HEALTHY EATING

Our club recognises that consumption of healthy food and drink can contribute to good health and well-being and also supports good performance on the court. Our club is committed to providing and promoting safe and healthy food and drink options and will implement the following strategies:

- Water will be promoted as the drink of choice.
- Healthy food and drink options, including provision of snacks at half time or after the game, fundraising items, rewards and prizes, will be promoted to club members and visitors.

7. SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Our club is committed to creating a safe, respectful and positive club environment where players, officials, members and families can thrive. Parents, associate members or others who have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Conduct and policies, including this Policy, who have behaved inappropriately, may face disciplinary action.

Accordingly, all parents of junior players and visitors are required to:

- Respect the referee's decisions – don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that children participate for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other duty officials at all times.
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol.
- Not use unsportsmanlike language, harass others or behave aggressively.



8. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via our website, Facebook page and newsletter.
- Use our social media platforms to actively demonstrate our club position in relation to alcohol and smoke free environments.
- Actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to maintain the highest Good Sports accreditation.

9. NON-COMPLIANCE

Club committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy (for example, individuals turning up intoxicated or bringing their own alcohol to a club activity).
- Explanation of the 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 facilities or function.

10. POLICY REVIEW

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

SIGNATURE:

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