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ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Rationale

This policy provides the basis for a balanced and responsible approach to the use of alcohol at **N.T. Badminton Association Incorporated and affiliated Clubs'** events and activities. This policy will help to ensure the Association and its affiliated playing groups:

- Meet their duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and guests who attend our Association and affiliated club functions.
- Uphold the reputation of the Association, affiliated clubs, our sponsors and partners.
- Understand the risks associated with alcohol misuse and our role in minimising this risk.

While **N.T. Badminton Association Incorporated** does not sell alcohol we acknowledge that alcohol may be consumed at club related events and activities including meetings, after training or matches, end of season/presentation functions, sponsors' functions, trivia nights and other fundraising events. In particular, the Association and affiliated playing groups may hold its functions at licensed venues **including our various sponsors' venue**.

Accordingly, the following requirements will apply to all players, coaches, officials, members, committee members, club visitors, club facilities, club functions and other activities undertaken by the Association and affiliated playing groups where alcohol is consumed.

General Principals

- A risk management approach will be taken in planning events/activities involving the supply or consumption of alcohol. Such events will be conducted and managed in a manner consistent with liquor licensing legislation and this policy.
- A liquor license will be required at any event where alcohol is to be sold.
- Alcohol misuse can lead to unsafe or unacceptable sexual and/or violent behaviour, drink-driving and other alcohol-related harm. Excessive consumption of alcohol will not be an excuse to unacceptable behaviour, particularly behaviour that endangers others or breaches the law, this policy or any other policy of the Association and affiliated playing groups.



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Statement of Intent

This policy:

- **recognises** the adverse effects of alcohol consumption on both the consumer and others;
- **supports** the NTBA in remaining an alcohol free environment for all members whilst at any NTBA run clinic, tournament, competition or other player event, and
- **encourages** the safe consumption of alcohol at any NTBA social event.
- Where alcohol may be consumed but not served by NTBA the following measures will be in effect;
 - NTBA will encourage that Alcohol will not be served to or in front of minors;
 - NTBA will encourage that Alcohol will not be served to any person that we believe to be intoxicated;
 - Low and non-alcoholic drinks will be promoted;
 - Venues will be chosen where water will be available at no cost;
 - Where alcohol has been consumed, the NTBA will assist and encourage people to utilise safe forms of transport.
- Alcohol related sponsorships or prizes will not be accepted by the NTBA for any purpose.
- Whilst the NTBA is not licensed to serve alcohol, we will at all times comply with the regulations of the NT Licensing Commission.

Committee, Members, Players & Officials

- Must not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol.
- Must not provide, encourage or allow people aged under 18 to consume alcohol.
- Must not participate in or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol (including drinking competitions).
- Must not pressure anyone to drink alcoholic beverages.
- Must accept responsibility for own behaviour and take a responsible approach and use good judgment when alcohol is available.



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Functions

The Association and affiliated playing groups will arrange with function venue staff that:

- Intoxicated people are not permitted to enter the premises.
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated.
- Intoxicated people will be asked to leave the premises (after appropriate safe transport options are offered).
- Alcohol will not be served to persons aged under 18.
- Tap water is provided free of charge.
- At least four non-alcoholic drinks and one low-alcoholic drink option is always available and are at least 10% cheaper than full strength drinks.
- Where possible, alcohol will cease being served at least an hour before the designated time for close of the function. Non-alcoholic beverages will be made available at this time.

The Association and affiliated playing groups will not:

- Conduct functions where the caterer/venue requires a minimum amount of liquor sales or the liquor provider is paid by a percentage of sales
- Conduct 'all you can drink' functions
- Provide alcohol-only drink vouchers for functions
- Include alcohol in the price of tickets (or will limit 'free' drinks to a maximum of two).

Advertisements for functions will:

- Not overemphasise the availability of alcohol or refer to the amount of alcohol available
- Not encourage rapid drinking or excessive drinking
- Give equal reference to the availability of non-alcoholic drinks
- Display a clear start and finish time for the function.

Safe Transport

The Association and affiliated playing groups recognises that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community. Accordingly, the Association and affiliated playing groups implements a Safe Transport Policy that is reviewed regularly in conjunction with this Alcohol Management Policy. We ask that all attendees at our



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functions plan their transport requirements to ensure they arrive home safely and prevent driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Club Trips

The Association and affiliated playing groups will monitor and ensure any club trips strictly adhere to responsible behaviour and alcohol consumption in accordance with the principles of this policy and the aims of the Association and affiliated playing groups. The Association and affiliated playing groups will not actively promote or fundraise for player's end of season trips, thereby minimising the Association and affiliated playing groups' risk and liability if an alcohol-related incident occurs.

Awards & Prizes

The Association and affiliated playing groups will avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on/use alcohol as a reward.

Policy & Responsible Use of Alcohol Promotion

- The Association and affiliated playing groups will promote the alcohol management policy regularly:
 - By putting a copy of the policy on the website and in member/player information
 - In club newsletters and flyers/invitations for functions
 - Via social media
 - Through periodic announcements to members at functions.
- The Association and affiliated playing groups will:
 - educate members and supporters about the alcohol policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
 - actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol.
 - not advertise, promote or have alcohol served or consumed at junior events or activities.
 - pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources.



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- actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to maintain Level 3 accreditation

Non Compliance

All club committee members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- 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.

Committee Policy Management

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure compliance with this policy. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

- Meet visiting police, cooperate and assist with any inquiries
- Ensure compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises
- Ensure compliance with all sections of this policy in accordance with legal requirements and the Good Sports program.

Updated:

Version	Date	Amendments	Ratified by NTBA committee
1	01/08/2017	New Policy	NTBA Committee
2	24/07/2019	Reviewed & updated	NTBA Committee