

Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates are committed to conducting netball and social events and activities in a manner that encourages responsible service and consumption of alcohol.

GUIDELINE OBJECTIVE/INTENT

The Netball Australia Alcohol Guidelines outlining responsible service and consumption of alcohol practices aim to:

- Prevent individuals from participating in any sporting activities expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia if they are consuming alcohol or under the influence of alcohol.
- Prevent underage drinking and avoid the promotion or service of alcohol in and around competition areas at underage events expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia.
- Ensure that food and low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks are available at any activity held or expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia where alcohol will be served.
- Encourage responsible alcohol practices as well as being mutually supportive of individuals covered by this Policy, including providing support for individuals seeking assistance on alcohol related matters.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Netball Australia is committed to conducting its activities in a manner that encourages responsible service and consumption of alcohol.
- Netball Australia accepts that it occupies a community leadership position in setting standards for a wide range of social and sporting behaviours.
- Netball Australia believes that all people involved in its activities, whether or not in the public arena, should be treated with dignity and respect.
- Netball Australia appreciates that both Netball Australia and individuals have responsibilities to give effect to responsible service and consumption of alcohol and will support and promote the principles of this Code.

ALCOHOL GUIDELINES

The Netball Australia Alcohol Guidelines aims to encourage and promote responsible attitudes and practices to alcohol through leadership and support.

- Netball Australia, Member Organisations, Affiliates and individuals covered by this guideline have a role to play to help promote responsible drinking in society.
- Netball Australia is committed to conducting its activities in a manner that encourages responsible service and consumption of alcohol.
- Netball Australia accepts that it occupies a community leadership position in setting standards for a wide range of social and sporting behaviours.
- Establishing benchmarks for responsible alcohol consumption and reducing the harm associated with excessive alcohol consumption is in the interests of Netball at all levels and the wider community.
- Netball Australia believes that all people involved in its activities, whether or not in the public arena, should be treated with dignity and respect.

Organisation Responsibilities

Netball will play its part by:

- not allowing individuals to participate in any netball activities expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia if they are consuming alcohol or under the influence of alcohol;
- not encouraging the promotion or service of alcohol in and around competition areas at underage events expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia;
- using its best endeavours to ensure that food and low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks are available at any activity held or expressly sanctioned by Netball Australia where alcohol will be served;
- encouraging responsible alcohol practices as well as being mutually supportive of individuals covered by this guideline, including providing support for individuals seeking assistance on alcohol related matters;
- ensuring that, where alcohol products are used as prizes/rewards, they are used in a responsible and appropriate manner; and
- complying with all relevant liquor licensing laws regarding the responsible service of alcohol.

Individual Responsibilities

Netball Australia expects that organisations and individuals covered by this guideline and undertaking activities associated with netball shall at all times where there is alcohol usage:

- behave in a dignified and professional manner that promotes and upholds standards of integrity, dignity and professionalism; act as role models for their club/team and netball;
- not put themselves, club/team mates nor the general public at risk of serious physical and social harms;
- accept that they are responsible and accountable for the choices they make and the consequences of these choices;
- assist their club/team mates and others covered by the Netball Australia Alcohol Guidelines if they have had too much to drink; and
- take reasonable action to both prevent alcohol problems and address any alcohol-related issues as they emerge.

SCOPE OF GUIDELINES

The Netball Australia Alcohol Guidelines applies to following individuals whether in a paid or voluntary capacity:

- registered players of Netball Australia participating in teams or competitions conducted by or on behalf of Netball Australia;
- accredited coaches and assistant coaches of teams organised by or on behalf of Netball Australia;
- support personnel with whom Netball Australia has a formal relationship;
- registered umpires, and other match officials of Netball Australia; and
- office bearers or other officials of Netball Australia.