

Club function management policy

Alcohol inclusive functions

Presentation nights, Dinner Dances and Fundraising Events

Introduction –

Whilst it is always preferable for members to purchase their own drinks across the bar as this practice reduces high risk drinking and allows bar servers to monitor patron behaviour there are functions where clubs prefer to include alcohol as part of the overall ticket price. To prevent such events being seen by some as ‘all you can drink’ it is important for restrictions on alcohol availability. The following document sets out a number of strategies clubs can implement to limit risky drinking practices thereby protecting members as well as the clubs’ liquor license against significant State based fines.

This document has been adopted by the MSSC to meet its responsibility of Level 2/3 accreditation, all the below strategies are now policy and give the MSSC the ability to propose alternative strategies as necessary.

Licensed sporting clubs –

1	<p>Limited time of event where alcohol is included within ticket price – no more than 120 minutes, taken in full or broken into separate time blocks. After this time expires drinks purchased at bar prices.</p> <p>This time allocation includes recommendation of guideline 2 from the National Health & Medical Research Council 2009, page 51, which states ‘for healthy men and women, drinking no more than 4 standard drinks on a single occasion reduces the risk of alcohol-related injury arising from that occasion’</p>
2	Drinks only purchased by patrons for their own consumption from the bar where trained RSA bar servers are present
3	Availability of substantial food.
4	Communication of the function conditions to members.

OPTIONAL (recommended) strategies –

Periods of time during function where alcohol is not available (rest period / entertainment provided)

OTHER Good Sports approved strategy(s)

Non alcoholic events ie training clinics, junior only presentations and events
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