



# CHELSEA BOWLING CLUB

## ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY



### 1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for a balanced and responsible approach to the supply and consumption at our club. It represents our club's commitment to its members and visitors and acknowledges the role that sporting clubs play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and visitors who attend the club where alcohol may be consumed.
- Understands the risks associated with alcohol misuse and our role in minimising this risk.

### 2. RATIONALE

We acknowledge that alcohol may be consumed at club and will be supplied in line with liquor licensing legislation and during the hours specified on our Liquor Licence.

### 3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The club understands that alcohol misuse can lead to risk taking, unsafe, unacceptable and/or illegal behaviour and that excessive consumption of alcohol will not be an excuse for unacceptable behaviour, particularly behaviour that endangers others or breaches the law, this policy or any other policy of our club.

If required the club will assist members to deal with alcohol related issues if they arise.

### 4. CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Whilst engaging in club activities members and visitors:

- Will accept responsibility for their own behaviour, use good judgment and take a responsible approach when alcohol is available.
- Will encourage and assist others to use good judgment when alcohol is available.
- Will not bowl if affected by alcohol.
- Will not provide, encourage or allow people aged under 18 years to consume alcohol.

### 5. INTOXICATED PEOPLE

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.

If a person becomes intoxicated and is becoming a nuisance to other people at the Club, they may be asked to leave and if available offered transport home. Police may also be contacted to remove the person, if required.

#### 5.1 Underage Drinking

- Alcohol will not be provided to persons aged under 18 years.

#### 5.2 Availability of Non-Alcoholic and Low Alcohol Drinks

Our club recognises that not all club members may drink alcohol and will offer Non-alcoholic drinks and provide drinking water free of charge.

## **6. FUNCTIONS**

Our club will encourage safe celebrations and ensure the function is run in line with this policy.

## **7. SAFE TRANSPORT**

Our club recognises that driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is hazardous to individuals and the wider community. Accordingly, our club has a Safe Transport Policy that is reviewed regularly in conjunction with this Alcohol Management Policy. We ask that all attendees at our functions plan their transport requirements to ensure they get home safely and avoid driving under the influence of alcohol. If available the Club may organise transport.

## **8. AWARDS/PRIZES**

Our club will avoid providing raffle or fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol as a reward.

## **9. PROMOTING THIS POLICY AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL**

Our club will:

- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it as required
- Actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's *Good Sports* program with an ongoing priority to maintain the highest Good Sports accreditation.

## **10. NON-COMPLIANCE**

Club Board 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 to a club activity).
- Explanation of the policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of policy not being complied with and 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.

## **11. POLICY REVIEW**

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