



# COUGARS

## CRICKET CLUB

### Glen Waverley Cougars Cricket Club Alcohol Policy

#### 1. Purpose

This policy outlines our commitments in connection with the sale and consumption of alcohol at our club. It represents our club's recognition of the role that sporting clubs and associations 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, volunteers and visitors who attend any club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with alcohol use, and our role in minimising risk.
- Educates our members about safe and responsible use of alcohol.

#### 2. Rationale

Ensuring members, visitors and guests do not engage in dangerous alcohol-related behaviour is an important part of being a responsible, healthy club.

Glen Waverley Cougars Cricket Club wishes to avoid club members becoming intoxicated and notes the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council to consume no more than four drinks in one sitting.

Sporting clubs such as ours help prevent alcohol abuse in the community by minimising the risk of developing an unhealthy drinking culture.

#### 3. General Principles

GWCCC is committed to:

- (a) promoting safe and responsible consumption of alcohol among all adult members of the club;

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- (b) providing opportunities for senior and junior members of the club to receive appropriate alcohol-related education;
- (c) ensuring that GWCCC is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes into contact with it.

#### 4. Details

1. GWCCC strictly enforces its policy that only those who have up-to-date training in the responsible service of alcohol may serve alcohol in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve.
2. GWCCC strictly complies with all laws about when and to whom it may sell alcohol in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve. In particular: (a) no one under the age of 18 may serve, or be served, or consume any alcohol in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve; (b) no one who is intoxicated may be served alcohol in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve; (c) anyone who is intoxicated in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve will be encouraged to depart safely from the premises (e.g. by taxi); (d) no one may serve or be served alcohol outside our licensed hours, and no one may continue to drink on our premises once the thirty-minute grace period has elapsed from the time at which we are no longer licensed to serve alcohol.
3. GWCCC maintains a members register, a guest book, and an incident register. All of these are kept on the bar in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve.
4. GWCCC has a set of signs that are displayed in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve that convey information about GWCCC's policies on alcohol. (This includes all of the relevant signs available through the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.)
5. GWCCC makes water available free of charge at all times that the bar is in operation.
6. GWCCC makes substantial food available whenever the bar is open for more than 90 minutes and more than 15 people are present. In particular, it has signs that are on display in the pavilion advertising the services of Uber Eats.
7. At its social events, GWCCC does not ever offer alcohol-only prizes.
8. GWCCC does not ever sell cut-price alcohol. In particular, GWCCC does not have any 'happy hours'.
9. GWCCC does not permit the consumption of alcohol in the change rooms in the pavilion at Glen Waverley North Reserve. GWCCC maintains signs posted in these change rooms that say that there is to be no consumption of alcohol in the change rooms.
10. GWCCC does not use alcohol-related images on its website or on its Facebook pages.
11. GWCCC posts information about its policies on alcohol on its website and on its Facebook pages.

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12. GWCCC does not support or endorse end of season drinking trips.
13. GWCCC is committed to providing educational opportunities junior players and their parents about safe and responsible behaviour concerning alcohol (e.g. through Good Sports).
14. GWCCC is committed to providing opportunities for coaches, officials and volunteers to undertake training in the responsible service of alcohol (e.g. through Good Sports).
15. GWCCC explicitly advertises 'safe' celebrations for all of its social events.
16. GWCCC deems that, on game days, players from opposition clubs are Honorary Members of GWCCC. This means that opposition players can be served alcohol in our clubrooms without being required either to sign our guest book or to be listed in our members register.
17. GWCCC regularly reminds members and guests that they should minimise the noise that they make on arrival and departure from our pavilion and carpark, particularly late at night.

## 5. Promoting this Policy

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- Implement strategies to create awareness of safe behaviour in connection with alcohol.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via our website, Facebook pages, and with announcement during events and functions.

## 6. Policy Review

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

## Signatures

Signed: *Michael Muttiah*

Club President

Date: September 23, 2019

Signed:



Club Secretary

Date: September 23, 2019

Next policy review date is **September 23, 2020**

**ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR POLICY:**

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