

Mill Park Football Club Alcohol Policy

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by the Mill Park Football Club (MPFC), a junior football club within the Northern Football Netball League (NFNL).

The club recognizes the importance in holding a liquor license and the value it adds to the club, enabling it to generate income and hold social functions, but in doing so the club accepts the responsibilities and expectations of the community in strictly adhering to the liquor licensing laws.

NFNL By-Laws (Adopted 2022)

MPFC abides by the by-laws and schedules set out by the NFNL, an excerpt herewith:

26.ALCOHOL

- 26.1.No alcohol is to be consumed or sold at any football venue (including within licensed clubrooms) where junior matches are being staged until at least 30 minutes after the conclusion of the final match of the day.
- 26.2.No alcohol is to be brought into, consumed or sold at any NFNL netball venue at any time.
- 26.3.Clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of its members, supporters and followers.
- 26.4.Any beverage (alcohol or otherwise) that is sold in a glass receptacle cannot be consumed outside of a club's social rooms during all NFNL matches.

Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.

Serving Alcohol at MPFC

Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of the club's liquor license and in accordance of the safety and wellbeing of patrons.

- The club will maintain a current liquor license
- The liquor license will be displayed at the bar
- Persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted to serve alcohol
- Only Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) trained members/bar staff will be permitted to serve alcohol
- The club will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol
- Alcoholic drinks will be served in standard drink measures
- The club will display posters on liquor license regulations and education.

Promoting the responsible use of alcohol

- The club will actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol
- The club will not advertise, promote, or serve alcohol at junior events or activities
- The club will educate club members and supporters about the alcohol policy
- The club will pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources
- Alcohol advertising will only appear at the bar
- The club will not promote alcohol through 'cheap drink' strategies, such as happy hours.

Underage drinking

- Alcohol will not be served to persons under the age of 18 years
- Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate. Only photographic ID will be accepted.

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Intoxicated patrons

- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated
- Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave the club
- Intoxicated persons will be refused entry to the club

Fundraising, Functions and Prizes

Promotions such as drink promotions, drinking competitions and all-inclusive cover charges should not be conducted on club premises. The club will not promote or provide alcohol or drink vouchers as prizes. Prizes for raffles and fundraising will not have an alcohol focus.

Food

The club will wherever possible actively promote and sell food whenever alcohol is available.

Bar Management

- A list of RSA trained club members will be displayed near the bar. The list will also highlight RSA trained committee members
- Non and low alcoholic alternative drinks will be always available
- Tap water will be provided free of charge from the bar
- An incident register will be maintained to record any incidents that may occur in relation to compliance with this policy and the operation of the social rooms bar
- Bar staff will not be permitted to drink alcohol while serving behind the bar

Club Committee Responsibilities

The presence of committee members is essential to ensure the operation of the bar and policy compliance. At least two duty committee members who are RSA trained are required to be present at all club functions when the bar is open.

Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

- Meet visiting police, cooperate and assist with any inquiries
- Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises
- Ensuring intoxicated people are refused service and are asked to leave the premises
- Ensuring strict compliance with the club policy in accordance with the key provisions of the Liquor License
- Recording any incidents in the incident register

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 club 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 club facilities or function
- Call 000 for Police response if any person's safety is at risk.



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Promoting the "Alcohol Management Policy"

The club will promote the alcohol management policy by:

- Making it available on the club website
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms
- Periodic announcements to members at functions

The club recognizes the importance of educating club members, particularly parents in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for club operation and that it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act, this policy will be reviewed annually.