



Alcohol Policy

Our commitment

Melbourne University Soccer Club (MUSC) is committed to providing a safe environment for club members and affiliates. In accordance with UoM Alcohol Policy and Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, MUSC promotes the responsible serving of alcohol and the responsible consumption of alcohol at all events. MUSC takes seriously any inappropriate behaviour, including that resulting from excessive drinking. MUSC does not endorse or support any events which involve excessive consumption of alcohol.

What we will do

Serving Alcohol

Alcohol will be served in compliance with the requirements of our club's liquor licence and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of patrons, the facilities and the surrounding areas.

- Alcohol will only be served by approved MUSC members
- Alcohol will only be served to members of the club or a guest of a member for consumption on the licensed premises and during the trading hours specified on the liquor licence
- All approved bar servers will have a valid RSA with a copy sent to the clubs Match Day Officer and have signed and agreed to this alcohol policy
- Food and non-alcoholic options are provided to promote healthy alcohol consumption
- The club enforces a zero tolerance policy for intoxicated patrons, any intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave
- Excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol will be discouraged and in accordance with RSA policy any patrons deemed to be at risk of excess consumption will not be served alcohol
- A person aged under 18 will not be permitted in the bar under any circumstances.
- A committee member will be present at events where alcohol is served.
- The liquor licence will be displayed clearly at the bar
- Alcohol service will be stopped in any instance where a MUSC server or committee member deems it necessary
- Members will be asked to leave events quietly as to ensure permissible noise levels are not exceeded.

Excess patron consumption

- The club enforces a zero tolerance policy for intoxicated patrons, any intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who the active server deems to be at or in risk of excess consumption
- Signs of excess consumption may include slurred speech, impaired balance, poor coordination, reduced inhibition, aggressive, belligerent and disrespectful behaviour.
- Servers will follow procedures, provided in their training by the Liquor Licensing Commissions for dealing with and refusing alcohol to patrons
- Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave safely. Assistance will be provided for safe travel options away from the establishment and surrounding areas.

Environment and surrounding areas

- The surrounding areas of the licenced premise shall not exceed the permissible noise levels for entertainment as specified in the State Environment Protection Policy
- Amplified speakers will not be permitted for use at the licences premise at any time
- All patrons are asked to arrive and leave quietly and respectfully preceding and following events

Underage drinking

- People aged under 18 will not knowingly be served alcohol.
- Staff will request proof of age, where appropriate, and only valid photo ID will be accepted.

Safe transport

- MUSC will prominently display taxi phone numbers in the venue.
- Club members and bar staff will encourage intoxicated patrons to take safe transport home.

Food and Other Drinks

- MUSC will provide a range of snacks and meals when alcohol is served.
- MUSC will provide a selection of low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks, including soft drinks gatorade and water at the bar.

Promoting the responsible use of alcohol

- Posters about responsible drinking and standard drink measures will be prominently displayed.
- MUSC will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events.
- MUSC will educate our members and supporters about our alcohol policy through poster displays and online communication.

What we ask you to do

All members and sporting personnel are required to comply with the following.

- Drink and behave responsibly at all club functions and events.
- Do not supply alcohol to anyone if they are aged under 18.
- Do not drink alcohol at the club, club functions, and matches if you are aged under 18.
- Do not bring alcohol to games as a spectator
- Do not bring or drink alcohol at games whilst acting in an official role for the club (e.g. as a coach, player, ground marshal or as a volunteer).
- Do not encourage others to drink alcohol excessively.
- Do not spike another person's drink.
- Refrain from drinking in designated outside areas when over 30 minutes has elapsed before and after a game has commenced and finished respectively.
- Do not take alcohol purchased inside the clubrooms outside and obey any signage put up at the club.

Non-Compliance

The club will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined in this policy.

- If members or sporting personnel become drunk at the club or other social events they will be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication will be in breach of our Code of Behaviour and can result in disciplinary action (e.g. suspension or termination of membership).
- Spiking of drinks is a criminal offence that can be reported to police by victims. It can lead to serious police charges being laid against the offender/s. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our state sporting organisation's and our club's Member Protection Policy to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of members.

- Serving alcohol to a minor is a criminal offence that can be reported to the police and the relevant liquor licensing authority by victims and their parents. It can lead to heavy fines. Separate action can be taken as a breach of our state sporting organisation's and our club's Member Protection Policy to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of children.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at a club function in the care of the club may be suspended for the remainder of the competition/tournament. The young person's parents shall be advised and will be responsible for getting their son/daughter home at their own expense.
- Any member or sporting personnel found to have behaved inappropriately because of over-consumption of alcohol (e.g. sexual harassment, verbal abuse, physical assault, and neglect of a child) will face disciplinary action as outlined in our Code of Conduct.

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