



## Victorian Amateur Football Association

### Policies and Code of Conduct

#### **Alcohol Policy**

The VAFA acknowledges its role in dealing with the consumption of alcohol at VAFA matches.

The VAFA believes that this policy enables all clubs to provide an environment that delivers a safe and rewarding experience for all participants.

Accordingly no alcohol can be consumed whilst any VAFA matches are in progress. At the conclusion of the last match of the day at the ground, seniors, Under 19s or Club XVIII, if a club has a relevant license then alcohol may be consumed.

#### **Alcohol Policy on a match day**

Clubs have the opportunity to serve alcohol with a sit down meal between the hours of 12 and 2pm. All Alcohol is required to be removed from the tables by 150 p.m. so that the luncheon and drinking can be concluded by match time (2 p.m.)

Prior to this a written application must be sent to the CEO via email at least 8 days before the match. A letter of permission will then be sent back to the club from the VAFA.

Clubs of course, who conduct luncheons without first receiving written permission risk receiving a heavy fine under the Association's "conduct unbecoming" rule and being refused permission for the rest of the season to hold a luncheon at which alcohol is to be served.

Alcohol is not to be served if a luncheon is not taking place.

As per VAFA Rule - All clubs must display around their ground, a no alcohol sign. The sign, the materials, dimensions and contents of which shall be as prescribed by the Board.

If club officials observe spectators consuming alcohol at their grounds they are to request that the alcohol be removed immediately from the ground.

Clubs risk receiving a heavy fine under the Association's "conduct unbecoming" rule if the above luncheon requirements and guidelines are not adhered to.

#### **Good Sports Program**

The VAFA supports the Good Sports program. This program is an initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation to develop safer and healthier communities. The program helps sporting clubs manage alcohol responsibly and reduce alcohol related problems. Good Sports also promote responsibility drinking programs for club bar managers and other relevant persons who serve alcohol at the club.



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To visit the Good Sports website log on to [www.goodsports.com](http://www.goodsports.com).

#### **Non club functions**

Clubs also have a responsibility when their rooms are rented out for evening functions. A club policy outlining the serving of alcohol, hours of service, pavilion cleanliness should be written and displayed at all times.