



Geelong Baseball Association

Liquor Policy
2023

Introduction

The Geelong Baseball Association (GBA) being recognised as the controlling body of baseball in the Geelong and District area is responsible for the conduct and running of the sport of baseball in that area.

It is recognised that the sale of alcohol in clubs and at social events is a major source of income for clubs.

The development and adoption of this policy by the GBA recognise that clubs have a responsibility to their members and the community at large to provide an environment that encourages all those who administer, play, officiate or support the game to enjoy the social activities of the club in a legal and safe manner.

The Object of this Policy

To set out procedures and responsibilities that need to be adopted by clubs in relation to the serving and handling of alcohol.

Details the responsibilities of players, club officials, coaches, and clubs.

Educate about the provision, intake, and handling of alcohol.

Provide a method of determining whether a breach of this policy has occurred.

This policy applies to:

- Players involved in the sport of baseball are under the control or jurisdiction of the GBA.
- All officials involved in the sport of baseball are in any way under the control or jurisdiction of the GBA.

This policy is binding on all players/officials/clubs competing in the baseball competition under the control or jurisdiction of the GBA.

Responsibility of the GBA

Where clubs have been found to have knowingly breached this policy (not necessarily breached the law) that club will be dealt with by the Board of the GBA. The Board decision will be final and binding on the club involved. The decision may include fines, suspension or expulsion.

Responsibility of the Club

The club will abide by and fulfil the requirements in relation to documentation, process, display etc. as required under the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 or amendments as legislated from time to time.

This will include but not be limited to the posting of a prominent position in the club of the following:

- Name of Nominee.
- Responsible serving posters.
- Notice of underage drinking.

- Individual clubs responsible drinking notice.
- Names of members who have RSA accreditation.
- Where a club provides alcohol for sale or consumption it shall be done in accordance with the provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act of 1998.
- The licence document including details of the nominee will be displayed in a prominent position within the club.
- Persons who handle and dispense alcohol will hold the relevant RSA accreditation and will be aware of the responsibilities in the provision of alcohol including serving under age and intoxicated persons.
- The club will ensure the safety of their members and where appropriate provide alternate transport options for members who exceed or are suspected to exceed the legal driving limit.
- Ensure the local taxi number is displayed in a prominent position.
- The club will make available tap water at all times at no cost when alcohol is served.
- The club will sell low-alcohol and/or non-alcoholic beverages at all times.
- Low alcohol beverages will be sold at a lower price than full strength product.
- Ensure that food is available to members and guests of the club.
- Clubs must refrain from providing alcohol as prizes for player awards.
- Clubs must ensure that there is an official is on hand when alcohol is served to ensure that the responsible serving of alcohol is practiced.
- Not provide alcohol to any Player or Manager while in uniform or participating in a game.
- Any infractions of this policy will be dealt with by the Board of the GBA.

Responsibility of the Players and Managers

Consumption of alcohol by any Player or Manager while in uniform is prohibited. (By uniform it is meant having a playing top on and visibly displayed.) If a Player or Manager is observed consuming alcohol during a game in which they are participating in, immediate ejection and a fine of \$100 will be the penalty and a fine of \$150 will be levied against the Club supplying the alcohol. If a Player or Manager is observed consuming alcohol while in uniform before a game then that Player or Manager will be prohibited from participating in any games on that day and a fine of \$100 will be levied and a fine of \$150 will be levied against the Club supplying the alcohol.

If after a game a fine of \$100 will be applicable to any Player or Manager consuming alcohol in uniform and a fine of \$150 will be levied against the Club supplying the alcohol.