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Alcohol

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TITLE

Alcohol

PURPOSE

The SSAA Vic adheres to a strict alcohol policy.

The SSAA Vic has facilities at many of its ranges that serve, supply or sell alcohol. The SSAA Vic must maintain and understand the appropriate liquor licence and serve alcohol in accordance with the law and the trading specifications of their licence.

Responsible alcohol management involves actively implementing practices and strategies to preserve the health and safety of all patrons where alcohol is served and consumed.

SCOPE

State Office / ranges / branches / sub clubs

OBJECTIVE

Provide direction

POLICY DETAILS

Alcohol Consumption

- A person must not carry or use a firearm if that person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a drug (Firearms Act 1996, Section 132(1))
- There is to be no consumption of alcohol on the firing line.

Alcohol Management

Associations that sell, serve or allow patrons to bring their own alcohol onto the premises must hold a liquor licence. These associations have legal responsibilities which are detailed in the Liquor Control Act. Association responsibilities include:

- Not serving alcohol to people under 18 years of age;
- Not serving alcohol to intoxicated people; and
- Not serving alcohol outside the times set down in their licence.

Associations that fail to adhere to the law will receive penalties such as heavy fines and/or loss of their liquor licence. Associations have a duty of care to provide a safe environment for all people who patronise their facility, including members and non-members. If a person sustains an injury due to unacceptable alcohol management practices while on the association premises the association may be found legally liable and sued for damages.

STAFF AND EMPLOYEES:

1. A Staff member or Employee must not consume alcohol during his/her hours of Duty.
2. A Staff member or Employee who consumes alcohol during his/her hours of duty is to be stood down immediately.
3. If in the opinion of the Supervisor of the Association's premises, a Staff member or Employee is demonstrating impairment, then the Staff Member is to be stood down immediately.

VISITORS AND RANGE USERS:

1. A Visitor or Range User must not consume alcohol on the Range, or while handling firearms or ammunition.
2. A Visitor or Range User who consume alcohol in such circumstances is to be removed from the premises immediately.
3. If in the opinion of the Range Manager, a Staff member or Employee, a Visitor or Range User is demonstrating impairment then the Visitor or Range user is to be removed immediately.

Association Premises must at all times be safe for all persons who attend the Premises and be able to withstand any inquiry made by the Victorian Police in accordance with the *Firearms Act (Vic) 1996*.

SSAA (Vic) are responsible for ensuring that our service is in accordance with the Liquor Control (Reform) Act 1998

SSAA (Vic) encourages all facilities to:

- Promote responsible alcohol consumption through bar staff training and provide standard drink information for customers;
- Designate a facilities official to be responsible for monitoring alcohol consumption and people leaving the venue;
- Provide free phone calls for booking taxis;
- At functions, ensure that drinks are not continuously topped up to assist people monitoring their alcohol consumption.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS / REFERENCES

Firearms Act 1996, Section 132 (1)

Liquor Control (Reform) Act 1998