



FERNTREE GULLY EAGLES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

SAFE TRANSPORT POLICY

MARCH 2010

PURPOSE:

To develop a Club Policy consistent with requirements from the Good Sports Program to ensure best practice is implemented in the health and safety of all members and their guests.



BACKGROUND:

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible use and/or non use of alcohol by the *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* and to avoid any incidents as people travel to or from the club and its events.

The *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* recognises the importance in holding a liquor licence in the value it adds to the club, enabling it to generate income and hold social functions.

The *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* also recognises however that drink-driving is illegal and hazardous to both the wider community and potential offenders. The *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* also recognises that as providers of alcohol under liquor licence we have a duty of care to all patrons and members visiting the club venue.

The *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* understands and accepts its responsibility to the safety of our members and friends/guests. The following requirements will apply when alcohol is served, either at the club or during a club function.

POLICY:

General

- Alcohol will be served according to the requirements of the club's liquor licence and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of patrons.
- The *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* will display standard drink posters/cards to help patrons recognise what standard drinks are and the implications on drink driving.
- The club will maintain a current liquor licence and it will be displayed at the bar.
- Persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted to serve or consume alcohol.
- The club will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- The club will promote and educate club members and supporters about the alcohol policy by:
 1. Posting a copy of the policy on the club website
 2. Displaying a copy of the policy in the club rooms
 3. Periodic announcements to members at functions

- The club will not promote alcohol through ‘cheap drinks’ strategies, such as happy hours.
- The club will, wherever possible, actively promote and sell food whenever alcohol is available.

Bar RSA trained staff

- Only Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) trained members/bar staff will be permitted to serve alcohol.
- A list of all RSA trained club members will be displayed near the bar.
- Bar staff shall encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be ‘intoxicated’ or at risk of exceeding .05 blood alcohol concentration (or .00 if probationary driver).
- Bar staff will promote low alcohol liquor and other non-alcoholic drinks to consumers; and these will be made available at all times.
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated.
- RSA trained members/bar staff will follow procedures, provided in their training, for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons.
- RSA trained members/bar staff will request proof of age, where appropriate; and only photographic ID will be accepted.
- 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.
- RSA trained members/bar staff will not be permitted to drink alcohol while serving behind the bar.

Transport arrangements

- Telephone calls will be made free of charge to persons wanting to arrange a taxi or other transport.
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services will be clearly displayed at all club functions. Contact telephone numbers for taxi services common to the area are:
 - 1. Yellow cabs 13 22 27**
 - 2. Black cabs 13 22 27**
 - 3. Silver top 13 10 08**
 - 4. Telebus 9735 3133**
 - 5. Invicta 9737 2000**
- Car pooling will be encouraged to ensure a nominated and designated driver is identified.
- In specific cases, and where all other options have been exhausted, the club will offer alternative transport and arrange someone to drive others home safely if a patron is believed to have exceeded .05 blood alcohol concentration.
- Committee will pre-order taxis to arrive at the venue at the conclusion of the function.

For Information:

- Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) recommends that to stay under the legal level for driving:

1. Males drink no more than 2 standard drinks in the first hour of drinking and one drink every hour thereafter
2. Females drink no more than 1 standard drink in the first hour of drinking and one drink every hour thereafter

POLICY REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant, practical and that it reflects community expectations and legal requirements. The Policy will be reviewed as part of the club's Strategic Plan Review process.

SUMMARY:

This document was tabled at the 29 March 2010 General Committee Meeting and the above stated Policy was voted upon and unanimously endorsed/accepted.

**Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club
Executive & General Committee
29 March 2010**