

# **ROYAL VICTORIAN BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

## **RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Royal Victorian Bowls Association fully supports and endorses to its affiliated members a policy to safely manage alcohol in the club environment.

### **Serving Alcohol**

All member clubs will be required to serve alcohol strictly in accordance with the club's liquor licence and in accordance with the safety and wellbeing of patrons.

- Bowls clubs who wish to serve alcohol in any way will actively seek a licence from the Liquor Licensing Commission which will adequately meet their requirements.
- Clubs that have applied for and been granted a full licence will be required to only permit trained servers to serve alcohol.
- The club will encourage the consumption of low alcohol products.
- The club will discourage excessive and or rapid consumption of alcohol.
- Alcoholic drinks will be served in approved standard size drink glasses.
- The club will support the policy by prominently displaying posters on Blood Alcohol Content and how alcohol affects the body.
- The liquor licence will be prominently displayed in the bar or service area.

### **Management of Intoxicated Patrons**

- Alcohol will be refused to any person who in the opinion of the servers is thought to be intoxicated.
- In the event of a BYO Permit venue, an intoxicated patron will forfeit any unconsumed alcohol the person may have on the premises.
- Servers will follow procedures for dealing with and refusing alcohol to intoxicated patrons provided in their training by the Liquor Licensing Commission.
- Intoxicated patrons will be requested to leave the club immediately.
- The club will actively promote safe transport options.

### **Underage Drinking**

- Alcohol will not be served to minors.
- Staff will request proof of age where appropriate.
- Only photo ID will be accepted.
- In BYO Permit clubs committee members will monitor underage drinking and respond accordingly.

## **Safe Transport**

The club will take every action necessary to ensure the safety of patrons by actively discouraging members and guests travelling by private motor vehicle from the club when the driver is obviously intoxicated.

- The club will prominently display taxi phone numbers in the bar area and if applicable, near the public telephone.
- Club members and bar staff will encourage intoxicated patrons to take safe transport home.
- Clubs will implement a designated driver program and seek support of such drivers with the provision of non-alcoholic drinks.

## **Low and alcohol free drinks**

The club will provide a selection of low-cost, low-alcohol and alcohol free drinks.

- Tea, coffee and water will be available in the club.
- A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks will be actively promoted and sold at prices competitive with those of full strength alcohol drinks.

## **Provision of Food**

- The club will actively promote and provide a range of snacks and/or meals when alcohol is served.

## **Promoting the Responsible Use of Alcohol**

- The club will actively demonstrate support for the responsible use of alcohol.
- The club will promote the alcohol policy to members and visitors.

# **Promoting Health Through Bowls**