



POLICY: SAFE TRANSPORT

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Introduction

DragonBoat SA recognises that:

- It has a duty of care to all members and guests involved in Club-related activities.
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community.
- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia.
- It takes approximately one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver.
- It takes considerable time until a person can legally and safely drive home if they have consumed over the recommended levels of alcohol.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to highlight the importance of having a policy in place for all functions undertaken by Clubs that involve the serving and / or consumption of alcohol.

Member Club Functions

DBSA recommends Clubs note or consider the following:

- Encourage the use of share ride companies (ie Uber, Ola) for use along with taxis.
- Provide transport to and from functions as needed (e.g. using Club bus or contacting local bus services such as council, school or tourist buses).
- Any bus or transport provided must be an alcohol-free zone (ie. no loading up the bus with alcohol or consuming alcohol on the bus) and is not to be used to transport members between licensed venues (i.e. not to be used for a pub crawl).
- Non-alcoholic drinks to be considered as part of raffle prizes and awards.
- People who have consumed alcohol are to make alternative safe transport arrangements to get from any bus drop-off point to their home.
- If needed, pre order taxis (where available) to arrive at the venue at the conclusion of the function or encourage the use of share ride companies.
- In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the Club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, provide non-alcoholic drinks and/or bar food free of charge (or passengers will be encouraged to pay for these for their driver).

- For selected functions provide designated sleeping areas on site (where safe, possible and legal to do so) for members to use at the conclusion of the night. Members would need to bring a swag/sleeping bag.
- For selected functions held at a hotel or similar, arrange for reduced-rate rooms if members would prefer to stay rather than drive while potentially intoxicated.
- Provide Taxi companies with Club function details for potential business on the night (ie regional areas).
- Include Taxi company phone number(s) on the function invitation / flyers.
- If a Good Sports Club, the MC for the function/committee will remind attendees of this, communicate the safe transport options and regularly remind attendees to drink and behave responsibly.

Committee Members, Members, Players and Officials

Those attending Club activities where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Plan ahead and arrange overnight accommodation.
- Share a taxi / share ride with friends.
- Catch public transport.
- Ride with a driver who has not been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to Club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.