

VBA Liquor Policy

1. Definitions:

- ABF - means Australian Baseball Federation Inc. being the national sporting organisation for the Sport of Baseball in Australian as recognised by Australian Sports Commission Australian Olympic Committee and the National governing body of the Sport of baseball as recognised by International Baseball Association.
- VBA - means the Victorian Baseball Association Inc. being the State Sporting Organisation recognised by the ABF and the Victorian Government as the controlling body of baseball in Victoria.
- VPBL - means the Victorian Provincial Baseball League Inc. being the administrative organisation overseeing the conduct of the sport of baseball in Provincial areas of Victoria and affiliated to the VBA.
- Player - means a person who plays the game of baseball in Victoria under the Jurisdiction of the VBA or VPBL and is a registered member of the ABF through the national registration system.
- Club - means any team competing in an VBA – VPBL or affiliated league or tournaments conducted by either body in Victoria.
- Baseball - includes the sport of baseball which is being conducted under the Jurisdiction control or sanctioning of the VBA VPBL or it's affiliated clubs/association in Victoria.
- Official - means ,Baseball umpire,VBA/VBL Director ,Coach, trainer , Club Committee person or any other person associated with the sport of Baseball and recognised by the VBA in an official capacity other than an player

2. Introduction:

The Victorian Baseball Association being the recognised controlling body of baseball in Victoria and it's affiliate the Victorian Provincial Baseball League are responsible for the conduct and running of the Sport of Baseball in Victoria.

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

The development and adoption of this policy by the VBA recognises that clubs have a responsibility to its 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.

3(a) Object of this Policy

- (i) To set out procedures and responsibilities which have been adopted by clubs and associations in relation to the serving and handling of alcohol within the Sport of Baseball in Victoria.
- (ii) Detail the responsibilities of players officials, VBA, VPBL and clubs.
- (iii) Educate players and officials on the subject of provision, intake and handling of alcohol.
- (iv) Provide a method of determining whether a breach of this policy has occurred.

3 (b) This policy applies to

- (i) all baseball players involved in the Sport of Baseball under the control or jurisdiction of the VBA and all affiliates in Victoria.
- (ii) All officials involved in the Sport of baseball in anyway under the jurisdiction of the VBA or it's affiliates.

3 (c) This policy is binding on all players/officials competing in baseball competition in Victoria including VBA/VPBL affiliates.

Responsibility of the Association

Where Clubs have been found to have knowingly breached this code (not necessary breached the law) that Club will be dealt with by the VBA and affiliates under the provision of the constitution and by- laws.

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 of 1998 or amendments as legislated from time to time.

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

- License
 - Name of nominee
 - Responsible serving posters
 - Notice of underage drinking
 - Individual Clubs responsible drinking notice
 - Club code of conduct.
 - Association Code of Conduct
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- (i) 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.
 - (ii) The license document including details of the nominee will be displayed in a prominent position within the Club.
 - (iii) Persons who handle and dispense alcohol at the Club will be well versed in club policy and rules, and trained to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under this policy.

- (iv) Persons serving alcohol at the Club will be trained and aware of the current requirement under the act in the provision of alcohol, including serving under age and intoxicated persons.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Ensure the local taxi number is displayed in a prominent position.
- (vii) The Club will make available tap water at all times when alcohol is served at no cost.
- (viii) The Club will sell low alcohol and or non-alcoholic beverages at all times.
- (ix) Low alcohol beverages will be sold at a lower price than full strength product.
- (x) Ensure that food is available to members and guests of the club
- (xi) Clubs will refrain from providing alcohol as prizes for player awards.
- (xii) The club will be aware of their responsibilities to guests and members at the club and ensure the provisions of this policy are enforced.
- (xiii) The Club will have a designated official on duty when alcohol is served to ensure all the provision of the policy are practiced.
- (xiv) Any infractions of the policy will be dealt with by the Board of Directors of the Club.
- (xv) A person found to have disobeyed or knowingly violated Club policy or legal requirements will be dealt with at the discretion of the club Board of Directors including suspension from the premises or from playing baseball should the matter be deemed an irresponsible breach.