

Alcohol & Tobacco Policy

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1. Purpose

Belconnen Ramblers Basketball Club is a proud member of the Good Sports program, which supports community sporting clubs to create a safe, healthy, and positive environment for players, families, volunteers, and officials.

This policy reflects our commitment to:

- Promoting the health and wellbeing of all members, particularly children and young people
- Creating an inclusive environment where non-drinkers and families feel welcome
- Modelling responsible behaviour for our junior members

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Ramblers members, volunteers, coaches, team managers, committee members, and visitors while engaging in any club activity, function, or event.

3. Alcohol

3.1 Club Events and Functions

- Club events and functions are alcohol-free by default
- All functions will be held at non-licensed venues unless specifically approved by the Committee
- Where alcohol is available at an approved event, it must not be the focus of the event
- Alcohol will not be used as an award, prize, or incentive for players or officials

3.2 Individual Behaviour

While engaged in any club activity, members must:

- Not compete, train, coach, or officiate under the influence of alcohol
- Not provide, encourage, or allow under-18s to consume alcohol

- Not participate in or encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol
- Not post images on social media of themselves or others drinking irresponsibly at club activities

3.3 Sponsorship

Alcohol brands and products will not be advertised by the club and will not appear on club apparel, particularly on junior uniforms. Alcohol companies are not eligible sponsors (see POL-013).

4. Tobacco and Vaping

4.1 Smoke-Free Areas

The following areas are smoke-free at all Ramblers activities and venues:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing and training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering, eating, and drinking areas

4.2 Products

- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, and any other tobacco products will not be sold at or by the club
- Tobacco brands will not be advertised or sponsored by the club

4.3 Signage

Smoke-free areas will be signed where possible and promoted in club materials.

5. Communication

This policy will be:

- Published on the club website
- Included in registration packs and coach/manager documentation
- Promoted via club social media and newsletters
- Displayed as Good Sports program materials at club venues where possible

6. Breaches

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with POL-002 Code of Conduct and POL-005 Complaints and Grievances.

7. Good Sports Program

Ramblers is a registered Good Sports club. For more information on the Good Sports program, visit:

goodsports.com.au

8. Contacts

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