

## ALCOHOL POLICY

### Policy Statement

PCANSW is committed to providing a safe sporting and working environment for every person involved in Pony Club activities. To enable this commitment to be met, the consumption of alcohol is absolutely forbidden for members under 18 years of age (the legal drinking age in Australia), and is not encouraged for members, officials, parents or volunteers of 18 years of age and over, whilst engaged in any Pony Club activity.

The PCA of NSW will not tolerate any breach of this policy and will investigate any reported inappropriate use of alcohol in Pony Club activities. Disciplinary action will be taken against a person who is found to be in breach of this policy.

This policy should be read in addition to the PCA National Alcohol policy for National/International Riders, Coaches, Managers and or Chaperones.

### Coverage

This policy applies to any person who is engaged in a Pony Club activity within New South Wales and the ACT. The National policy applies to all International and National tours, events or competitions. Members and riders competing interstate are covered by the National Policy.

Failure to adhere to the policy could have a detrimental effect on the safety and well being of Pony Club riders and their horses as well as non-riding members and the general public. It could also affect the good name of the Pony Club movement, which in turn could jeopardize any future State or National financial support.

### 1. Riding members involved in any Pony Club activity:

- Consumption of alcohol is absolutely prohibited for riding members who have not attained the legal drinking age.
- Consumption of alcohol is not encouraged, but if consumed by riders of legal age within constraints of this policy, should be discreet and with due regard to their responsibility to their State Association and the APCC.
- Any rider found to be under the influence of alcohol at any time during a Pony Club competition will be automatically disqualified from the competition on the grounds of breach of this policy. Such decision should be made by the organising committee and should be based on duty of care.
- **Any person under the legal drinking age in possession of any alcoholic drink, regardless of how it was obtained will be in breach of this policy.**

### 2. Team Coaches, Chaperones

- Consumption of alcohol by Team Coaches and Chaperones is not encouraged, but if it is consumed they should be discreet and with due regard to their responsibility the riders under their care, to their State Association and Pony Club Australia.
- In extraordinary circumstances arrangements may be made, for a team member to be in the care of a parent or guardian. If arrangements are made for a team member to be in the care of a parent or guardian the requirements of this policy relating to riders still apply.

### 3. Other Pony Club Officials, Parents, Volunteers and Supporters

- Consumption of alcohol at Pony Club functions, meetings or activities is not encouraged. If persons do so, this should be done discreetly and only at the end of the day's activities and with due regard to the safety and care of riders, members and their horses.
- Officials assisting with the organisation or conduct of a Pony Club activity must not consume alcohol during the conduct of the activity.