



Pony Club Association of Queensland Inc.

ALCOHOL POLICY

Policy Statement

PCAQ 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. Riders and supporters must not consume alcohol during the conduct of any Pony Club activity involving horses.

The Pony Club Association of Queensland 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 in breach of this policy.

The Policy is effective from the date of approval by the Pony Club Association of Queensland.

Coverage

This policy applies to any person who is engaged in a Pony Club activity whether the activity is conducted in Australia or overseas. This policy applies to all International and National tours, events or competitions. 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 an approved Pony Club policy. Such decision should be made by either a ground jury or the organising committee and should be based on duty of care;
- Consumption of alcohol by riders, of legal drinking age, when representing Pony Club on International and National tours is permitted in moderation at any arranged official function.
- Riding members, who are of legal drinking age in Australia and are representing Pony Club in any activity outside of Australia must check on the legal drinking age of the country they are visiting before partaking of any alcohol within the constraints of this policy;

2. Team Coaches, Chaperones

- Consumption of alcohol by Team Coaches and Chaperones is not encouraged. 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 or activities is not encouraged. Sale of alcohol is not permitted during the running of events or competitions under Pony Club control which are attended by Pony Club members with their horses. Alcohol may be available at the end of the day's activities and with due regard to the safety and care of riders 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.

4. Disciplinary procedure is outlined in the PCAQ Administration Handbook