

NETBALL ACT

POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. Introduction

Netball ACT aims to maintain the highest health and safety standards and is therefore committed to responsibly managing smoking and the consumption of alcohol.

2. Alcohol and Smoking Management

Netball ACT and Member Associations must act in accordance with the Smoke-Free Public Places Act 2003 and the Liquor Act 2010.

The object of the Smoke-Free Public Places Act 2003 is to promote public health by minimising the exposure of people to environmental smoke, including at underage functions.

For clarity, under the Act, smoke means smoke from an ignited smoking product or vapour from a personal vaporiser.

3. Principles governing alcohol and smoking management

Netball ACT and Member Associations should be governed by the following principles:

- Adults should role-model healthy and responsible behaviour
- Harm associated with smoking and the consumption of alcohol should be minimised
- Community safety should be maintained
- The health, safety and welfare of children should be prioritised
- Alcohol products should not be displayed during underage sporting events.

4. Actions to undertake for events at external venues

When Netball ACT holds events at external locations, it is the responsibility of the venue to ensure they are complying with relevant legislation in relation to the responsible service of alcohol. Nevertheless, there are actions that Netball ACT should undertake to encourage safe practices in this environment.

Netball ACT should:

- Notify the premises if underage attendees are expected to attend the event and assist in their identification.
- Ask that attendees plan their transport requirements to avoid driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Avoid promoting activities that encourage rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.
- Ensure that Netball ACT staff are behaving responsibly.

Netball ACT strongly encourages Member Associations to undertake similar actions at their events.