



## **Alcohol & Smoking Guidelines**

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## ALCOHOL

Hockey Victoria are committed to conducting sporting and social events in a manner that promotes the responsible service and consumption of alcohol. We also recommend that Affiliates follow state legislative requirements and strict guidelines regarding the service and consumption of alcohol.

In general, our preference is that:

- Alcohol-free social events will be encouraged for young people and families;
- Food and low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks will be encouraged to be available at events we hold or endorse where alcohol is served;
- At events held or endorsed by HV and/or Affiliates where alcohol is served, to ensure appropriate practices are followed a senior staff member will be present where possible;
- Safe transport options will be encouraged by HV to be promoted by venue operator as part of any event held or endorsed by HV and/or Affiliates where alcohol is served; and
- HV recommend that events held or endorsed by a Member(s) where alcohol is served should follow appropriate alcohol management practices, including having a committee/board member or the licensee (if applicable) present.

Further information and guidance for Members is available through Good Sports by [clicking here](#).

## SMOKING / VAPING / E-CIGARETTES

By law, smoking including the use of e-cigarettes are banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event. The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the event, training or practice session.

HV Affiliates must adhere to the relevant legislation and their respective state and local government regulations in relation to smoking restrictions. Several hockey venues are located on school premises, where smoking is banned on site, as well as within four metres of any entrance.

Hockey Victoria encourage Affiliates to develop and implement a smoke-free & vape-free policy for their venue. This will assist in making smoking and vaping less visible and less socially acceptable, whilst also providing a healthy family-friendly environment.

For more information and resources on going smoke-free & vape-free at your sporting club, [please click here](#).

For more information on the laws relating to underage sporting events being smoke-free [please click here](#).