



Responsible Alcohol Policy

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Policy

1. In line with WA Branch policies and procedures you must be 18 years of age or over to consume alcohol at any Scouting event. It is recognised that Rovers who are 18 years or over are legally permitted to drink alcohol and should do so in a responsible manner.
2. The responsible use of alcohol should be promoted by the organisers of all Rover activities where alcohol is either available or provided.
3. The Rover, the Crew and the Event Organisers have a duty of care towards participants and Rover at events and activities. Participants and Rovers will respect this and behave and consume alcohol in a responsible manner.
4. The use of alcohol is defined to be a problem when it adversely affects others, or affects the safety of the Rover in question. When a Rover's use of alcohol becomes a problem, his/her Crew should take action to remedy the situation. In the absence of their crew, action should be taken by any other Rovers present.
5. The consumption of alcohol should always be discouraged where other sections are present.
6. Rovers should be discouraged from excessively discussing or boasting about their consumption of alcohol at inappropriate times, such as in the presence of younger members of the Scout Association. Rovers should encourage and promote a culture of responsible use of alcohol.
7. Rovers should consider the appropriateness of the situation before engaging in songs or chants. This also refers to drinking songs and songs of a sexual nature.
8. Rovers should use their best judgement when drinking and especially when in uniform.
9. Rovers, Rover Crews and Event Organisers will be proactive in reducing the impact that alcohol consumption has, along with the effect of fatigue.

Related Policies

Procedure	None
Delegation	WARC Chairman, WARC Executive, Crew Leaders, all Rovers
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