

 Rover Scouts	Smoking, Drug and Responsible Alcohol Policy	Date Approved:
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<p>1. Purpose and Scope</p> <p>1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline the position of the Western Australian Rover Council (WARC) on the use and consumption of alcohol and drugs (illicit and prescription) as well as smoking at all events.</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>2.1. The use of alcohol and drugs is defined to be a problem when it adversely affects others or affects the safety of the Rover Scout in question.</p> <p>3. Alcohol Policy Statement</p> <p>3.1. In line with State and Federal laws and WA Branch policies, you must be 18 years of age or over to consume alcohol at any Scouting event. It is recognised that Rover Scouts are legally permitted to Consume alcohol and should do so in a responsible manner.</p> <p>3.2. The responsible use of alcohol should be promoted by the organisers of all Rover Scout activities where alcohol is either available or provided.</p> <p>3.3. The Rover Scout, Rover Scout Crew and Event Organisers have a duty of care towards participants at events and activities. All participants will respect this and behave and consume alcohol in a responsible manner.</p> <p>3.4. Alcohol consumption must not negatively impact others or the reputation of the WARC. Disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the Event Organisers, Rover Scout Crew or WARC Chairman.</p> <p>3.5. If a Rover Scout's use of alcohol becomes a problem, their Rover Scout Crew should act to remedy the situation. In the absence of their Rover Scout Crew, action should be taken by any other capable Rover Scouts present.</p> <p>3.6. The consumption of alcohol is prohibited where other youth sections are present.</p> <p>3.7. Rover Scouts should be discouraged from excessively discussing or boasting about their consumption of alcohol, especially at inappropriate times, such as in the presence of younger members or official dignitaries of the Scout Association. Rover Scouts should encourage and promote a culture of responsible use of alcohol.”</p> <p>3.8. Rover Scouts 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.</p> <p>3.9. Rover Scouts should use their best judgement when drinking, especially when in uniform.</p> <p>3.10. Rover Scouts, Rover Scout Crews and Event Organisers will be proactive in reducing the impact that alcohol consumption has, along with the effect of fatigue.</p> <p>3.11. All Rover Scouts responsible for operating machinery, cars, powered tools, petrol-powered tools and sharp hand tools must have a Blood alcohol reading of 0.00 and be fit to perform the task.</p>		

3.12. WARC breathalysers must be available at all WARC events where alcohol could be consumed and must be available when requested. Rover Scouts may be breathalysed at the discretion of the Event Organisers.

4. Drug Policy Statement

4.1. All Rovers Scouts have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety to ensure that they do not adversely affect others.

4.2. Rover Scouts must not be under the influence of or bring, consume, share or sell illicit substances at any event. Disciplinary action will be taken and removal from the organisation may occur.

4.3. Rover Scouts taking any prescription or over the counter medication that may impair performance (e.g. fatigue, difficulty concentration) should report this to event organisers upon arrival if not listed in event application form. Modifications to activities must be allowed if requested due to impaired performance.

4.4. Rovers are not permitted to share or sell any prescription or over the counter medication.

5. Smoking Policy Statement

5.1. Rover Scouts who smoke or vape must be aware of smoke-free areas as stated in the Tobacco Products Control Act (2006) and not smoke in these areas.

5.2. All Rover Scouts events must have a clearly marked designated smoking or vaping area away from non-smoking participants and enclosed spaces. Bins must be provided for any cigarette butts or ash and must be used by all smokers. These areas must be located at least 5 metres from entrances and openings and 10 metres from any air intakes. Smoking or vaping is only permitted in designated smoking or vaping areas.

5.3. Smoking or vaping is not permitted in the presence of other Rover Scouts who are not smokers, including in cars.

5.4. Rover Scouts should be discouraged from smoking or vaping whilst in uniform.

5.5. WARC should promote a smoke or vape free environment for all and encourage individuals to quit smoking or vaping.

6. Procedure

6.1. None

7. Review

7.1. This policy will be reviewed every three years by WARC and the Policy and Procedures Committee or earlier if directed by the board.

8. Approval