



AFL New Zealand Leagues Alcohol Policy

AFL New Zealand has an expectation that all senior players will at all times project themselves as positive mentors and role models when in the presence of junior players and when representing the game in the broader community.

It is accepted that the sensible and moderate consumption of alcohol, by persons 18 years of age or older, can be an appropriate part of the social culture of a sporting club and the **sensible and moderate consumption of alcohol**, by persons 18 years of age or older, **is permitted** during the tournaments that you are a participant in.

AFL New Zealand consider it vital that the rules and laws applied to liquor possession and/or consumption at the grounds games/training are held and team accommodation are **strictly obeyed**.

Preserving the good reputation of AFL New Zealand and also ensuring a healthy and safe social culture in relation to the consumption of alcohol, is a high priority.

Players and officials will at all times comply with the law in relation to the possession and consumption of alcohol during the competition/events you are involved in.

Breach of Alcohol Policy

Upon the report of a suspected breach of this policy the Disciplinary Committee shall call a hearing to determine the matter.

The structure of such a hearing will; be informal, be conducted in private and, adhere to the principles of due process and natural justice.

The committee will make its determinations on the balance of probabilities.

The Disciplinary Committee, subject to due process and the rules of natural justice, is entitled to conduct the hearing in any manner it deems appropriate.

The Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee will be made up of the two people as follows;

- a) A representative from AFL New Zealand
- b) A representative of the participating league,

If a suspected breach involves any of the above two, the remaining committee member(s) may appoint another member(s) to the Disciplinary Committee as they see fit.

The Disciplinary Committee will apply a consequence it believes appropriate given the severity and circumstances of the particular case.

Under 18 Players

Junior Players – Under 18

When a breach, or suspected breach, of this policy involves a player who is under 18, the Disciplinary Committee will liaise with the relevant parent or guardian, with the intent of agreeing on participation by the player in a mutually acceptable education program.