

Indian Rim Asian University Games Policy on the Use of Alcohol

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NB. This document requires inclusion of specific policy for international students of religions which do not condone the consumption of alcohol

1. Objectives

This policy is designed to meet the following objectives:-

- to minimise alcohol related harm to the individual
- to minimise alcohol related damage to property
- to improve and preserve the reputation of universities, university sport and university sports people in the general community, on a national and international basis.
- to cater for cultural and religious sensitivities with respect to the consumption of or exposure to alcoholic beverages, products and promotion

2. Introduction

To assist in the achievement of the above objectives, IRAUG has established a number of specific guidelines relating to the conduct of sporting and social events at which alcohol may be consumed by participants.

IRAUG accepts that alcohol consumption is ultimately a matter of individual choice but it expects that those responsible for organising functions/events which involve alcohol will ensure that the functions/events are conducted in a manner consistent with this Policy.

3. Guidelines On The Use Of Alcohol

(i) Sporting Matches, Competitions and Events Under the Auspices of IRAUG

No participants will be permitted to compete in any IRAUG sporting match, competition or event if he/she is suffering the obvious effects of alcohol. Any such person/s will be asked to leave the sporting arena. Refusal to do so will result in immediate expulsion from the game currently being played plus an automatic one match suspension. Further disciplinary action may be taken if so desired by the IRAUG Sports Manager. If deemed necessary, the IRAUG Games Director will be included in the decision relating to disciplinary action.

No alcohol is to be consumed by spectators while an IRAUG sporting match or competition is in progress except at times and places approved by the IRAUG organisers.

It may be the Games policy that no alcohol is to be consumed at all by spectators before, during or after an IRAUG sporting match or competition. In such a case, all persons must respect the IRAUG Policy.

IRAUG reserves the right to confiscate alcohol in and around the playing area of an IRAUG sporting match, competition or event/s. Confiscated alcohol is to be returned at the Games Director's discretion.

All competitors and spectators are to be made aware of the standard of behaviour expected at IRAUG sporting matches, competitions and events. (See Indian Rim Asian University Games Code of Behaviour).

Games competitors and spectators are encouraged to respect the sensitivity of international students of religions which do not condone the consumption of alcohol.

(ii) Social Functions Organised and/or Approved by IRAUG

- No free or subsidised alcohol is to be provided at social functions
- Price structuring for IRAUG function tickets are to include the cost of admission, food and entertainment but not alcohol. All alcohol is to be purchased from a cash bar or with the use of a specific function ticket/wristband/token in order to accommodate for those not wishing to consume alcohol at the function.
- Function organisers must make available ample quantities of low alcoholic drinks at social functions and where applicable, are encouraged to discount non-alcoholic and low-alcoholic drinks.
- All IRAUG social functions must be supervised by IRAUG staff approved by the Games Director in order to eliminate poor behaviour and damage to property.
- IRAUG-approved function supervisors are to have read and be knowledgeable on the practices consistent with the Australian "National Guidelines for Responsible Serving of Alcohol".
- IRAUG organised social functions and their approved staff/supervisors are not to organise or encourage competitive drinking events or games and discourage any situations that exert pressure on students to drink in excess.

NOTE: GENERAL QUANTITY GUIDELINES

While it is difficult to define in quantitative terms what constitutes "moderate" drinking, a suggested guide is that drinkers should aim to keep their blood alcohol level within the limits 0.0% - 0.05%. Health authority guidelines suggest that a BAL of 0.05% would be achieved and maintained for a male, by drinking two standard drinks in the first hour and one drink per hour thereafter. For females, the amounts are one standard drink in the first hour and one per hour thereafter. It is noted that these figures are a guide only and may vary for different individuals.

Standard drinks for this purpose are 285ml full strength beer, 120ml wine and 30ml spirits.

Drinkers wishing to stay below 0.05% should clearly drink less than the amounts indicated above.

The amount of alcohol to be provided at a function can be calculated using these figures in combination with knowledge of the number of male and female participants and the duration of the function with an allowance for a proportion of very light drinkers.

International participants, officials and support personnel participating in the Indian Rim Games should note that under Australian and Western Australian law, a driver of a motor vehicle of any type must have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of less than 0.05 (Reference - Road Traffic Act 1974 (WA) & the Office of Road Safety WA)