

		FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA Procedures and Policies	
Subject	Safe Transport Policy	Date Implemented	May 2019
Review	Biennially	Date Amended	August 2023

1. Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for safe transport after Football South Australia conducted games, events, functions, and other, Football South Australia conducted activities including those where alcohol may be consumed. It represents Football South Australia's commitment to its players, volunteers, and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure Football South Australia:

- 1.1 Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our players, volunteers and visitors who attend any Football South Australia conducted games, special events, functions, and other activities.
- 1.2 Upholds the reputation of Football South Australia, our sponsors, and partners.
- 1.3 Understands the risks associated with alcohol use and driving, and our role in minimising risk.
- 1.4 Educates people about standard drinks.

Football South Australia recommends this policy to be adopted to all affiliated clubs and associations whilst recognising the autonomy of the affiliated clubs and associations.

2. Rationale

Prioritising the safety of players, visitors and guests getting to and from Football South Australia conducted games, activities and events is an important part of being a responsible, healthy association.

Football South Australia has adopted its Alcohol Management Policy and it notes the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council. Football South Australia encourages people to plan safe transport home.

Football South Australia recognises sporting clubs and associations can help prevent drink driving related accidents in the community by improving safety around transport and minimising the risk of developing a drinking culture.

3. Transport

This safe transport policy applies to all activities undertaken by the Football South Australia that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

Football South Australia will:

- 3.1 Promote strategies that encourage people to plan how they will get home safely before they go out e.g., pre-arranged transport.
- 3.2 Print safe transport messages on relevant Football South Australia activity and event invitations or flyers.
- 3.3 Ensure the MC for Football South Australia events communicates the safe transport options and regularly reminds attendees to behave responsibly around alcohol.
- 3.4 Provide assistance in the ordering of taxis and/or encourage people to utilise a ride share service.
- 3.5 Inform all Football South Australia coaches and team managers that they are not to transport children under the age of 18 without prior arranged approval from the child's parent or guardian.

4. Promotion of Low Alcohol and Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Football South Australia will promote low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks as options. Bar staff/servers of alcohol will encourage people to:

- 4.1 Consume food while drinking alcohol.
- 4.2 Consume alcohol in moderation.
- 4.3 Make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be intoxicated or at risk of exceeding the legal limit (e.g., free call to a taxi/friend/family).

5. Conduct Expectations

Whilst engaging in Football South Australia conducted activities, people will:

- 5.1 Accept responsibility for their own behaviour, use good judgment and take a responsible approach towards alcohol consumption.
- 5.2 Encourage and assist others to use good judgment regarding alcohol consumption.
- 5.3 Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.

- 5.4 Share a taxi or ride share (where available) with friends.
- 5.5 Consider arranging overnight accommodation.

6. Promoting this Policy

Football South Australia will:

- 6.1 Educate its affiliated clubs and associations about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- 6.2 Implement strategies to create awareness of safe transport messages (e.g., display standard drink posters/ cards to help patrons recognise what standard drinks are and the implications on drink driving).
- 6.3 Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via our website, newsletters, social media, announcements during events and functions.

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7. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Signatures:

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Football South Australia President

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Football South Australia CEO

Next review date
May 2025