Alcohol Policy for Junior Cricket

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish Everton Districts Cricket Club (EDCC) requirements regarding alcohol at junior cricket matches and activities.

The policy is intended to:

- Support a safe and appropriate environment for junior cricket.
- Minimise alcohol-related harm to players, officials, volunteers, spectators and the wider community.
- Protect club and community property.
- Support compliance with EDCC Codes of Behaviour and applicable Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association (BNJCA) requirements.
- Protect the reputation of EDCC and junior cricket.

2. Scope

This policy applies to EDCC junior cricket matches and activities, including home and away fixtures conducted under BNJCA competitions.

It applies to players, coaches, team managers, scorers, umpires, volunteers, parents, guardians and spectators associated with EDCC.

Where BNJCA requirements impose additional or more specific conditions, those requirements also apply. BNJCA currently maintains an Alcohol Policy covering participants and spectators at BNJCA events.

3. Policy

3.1. Participants and Team Officials

Players, coaches, team managers, scorers, umpires and other people participating in an official capacity must not consume alcohol while actively participating in a junior cricket match.

A person must not participate in an EDCC junior cricket match or official match-day role while adversely affected by alcohol.

Where there is a reasonable concern that a participant or team official is adversely affected by alcohol, the matter should be referred to the appropriate match or club official.

BNJCA's current policy similarly prohibits participants, including coaches, managers, scorers, umpires and players, from participating while consuming alcohol or showing obvious effects of alcohol.

3.2. Spectators

Alcohol must not be consumed within the immediate playing area during a junior cricket match except where consumption is expressly permitted within an appropriately authorised or licensed area.

Parents, guardians and spectators must not allow alcohol consumption to result in:

- Abusive, aggressive or disruptive behaviour.
- Unsafe conduct.
- Interference with players, coaches or match officials.
- Behaviour inconsistent with EDCC's Codes of Behaviour.
- Conduct likely to adversely affect junior players or the junior cricket environment.

This aligns with BNJCA's current restriction on alcohol consumption by spectators within the immediate playing arena, subject to authorised areas.

3.3. Playing Area

For the purposes of this policy, the playing area includes:

- The field of play.
- Team areas and areas immediately surrounding the field.
- Areas being used by players and officials for the conduct of the match.

Where BNJCA defines a broader playing arena or applies specific requirements to a particular ground or event, the BNJCA requirement applies.

3.4. Responsible Behaviour

Where alcohol is permitted elsewhere at the venue, people associated with EDCC are expected to:

- Consume alcohol responsibly.
- Comply with applicable liquor licensing requirements and venue conditions.
- Respect players, officials, opposition teams and other spectators.
- Maintain behaviour appropriate to an environment in which children are participating.
- Comply with directions given by authorised club, venue or match officials.

3.5. Management of Incidents

Where a person breaches this policy or their behaviour creates a safety or conduct concern, an appropriate EDCC or match official may ask that person to cease the behaviour or leave the relevant area.

Serious or repeated incidents should be reported to the EDCC Committee.

Where an incident occurs during a BNJCA fixture, the matter may also be reported and dealt with under applicable BNJCA conduct and disciplinary processes. BNJCA currently provides for written complaints and disciplinary review where alcohol-related conduct breaches its requirements.

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1. EDCC Committee

- Approve this policy and any material changes to it.
- Ensure the policy remains appropriate for the club and is reviewed when required.
- Support consistent application of the policy across Everton Districts Cricket Club.
- Address significant breaches or concerns in accordance with the club's rules, policies and procedures.

4.2. Members and Participants

- Comply with this policy where it applies to their participation in junior cricket.
- Follow reasonable directions given by authorised club, venue or match officials.
- Behave responsibly where alcohol is consumed at or near junior cricket activities.
- Raise significant concerns with an appropriate EDCC Committee member or match official.