



PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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SUMMARY

Note: The NT Liquor Act, 1978 prohibits the consumption and supply of alcohol to children under the age of 18 years. It is also an offence to consume alcohol on certain premises without a current liquor license.

The Pony Club Association of the Northern Territory (PCANT) is committed to providing a safe environment for every person involved in Pony Club activities. This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, riders and visitors. In addition to the Pony Club Australia, National Alcohol policy for National/International Riders, Coaches, Managers and or Chaperones should be read. It is found in the Member Protection Policy (<http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/Resources/Policies>, Alcohol Policy: page 13)

POLICY STATEMENT

The consumption of alcohol during an active Pony Club event is not permitted for members, officials, parents or volunteers. This policy applies to any person who is engaged in a Pony Club activity within the Northern Territory, Interstate or Internationally.

PCANT will not tolerate any breach of this policy and will investigate any reported inappropriate use of alcohol in Pony Club activities. Disciplinary action will be taken against a person who is found to be in breach of this policy.

1. Riding members involved in any Pony Club activity:

- a) Members who have not reached the legal age to consume alcohol, 18 years, are not permitted to consume alcohol
- b) Riders may consume alcohol discreetly within the constraints of this policy
- c) Any rider suspected to be under the influence of alcohol at any time during a Pony Club competition will be automatically disqualified from the competition on the grounds of breach of this approved policy. Such a decision will be made by the organising committee and should be based on duty of care
- d) Consumption of alcohol by riders, of legal drinking age, when representing Pony Club on International and National tours is permitted in moderation at any arranged official function
- e) Riding members, who are of legal drinking age in Australia and are representing Pony Club in any activity outside of Australia must check on the legal drinking age of the country they are visiting before partaking of any alcohol consumption as it may be illegal

2. Team Coaches, Chaperones

- a) Consumption of alcohol by Team Coaches and Chaperones is not encouraged. The consumption of alcohol during events is prohibited.
- b) If a minor is in the care of a parent or guardian the requirements of this policy relating to riders still apply.
- c) If a minor is in the care of a person other than a parent or guardian the requirements of this policy relating to riders still apply.

3. Other Pony Club Officials, Parents, Volunteers and Supporters

- a) Consumption of alcohol at Pony Club functions or activities is not encouraged. Sale of alcohol is not permitted during the running of events or competitions under Pony Club control which are attended by Pony Club members with their horses. Alcohol may be available at the end of the day's activities and with due regard to the safety and care of riders and their horses within legal boundaries with regards to licencing laws.
- b) Officials assisting with the organisation or conduct of a Pony Club activity must not consume alcohol during the conduct of the activity.

TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

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NT Liquor Act, 1978

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Pony Club Australia, National Alcohol policy

(<http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/Resources/Policies>, Alcohol Policy: page 13)