



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB HOCKEY SECTION INC

## Safe Transport Policy

### Rationale

**MCC Hockey Section** recognises that:

- It has a duty of care to all members and visitors involved in club-related activities
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely
- Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community
- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia
- It takes one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver
- It takes considerable time until a person can legally and safely drive home if they have consumed over the recommended levels of alcohol.

Accordingly, the following safe transport policy shall apply for all functions undertaken by the club that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

### General

- Telephone calls will be made free of charge to arrange a taxi (where available) or to call a sober person to provide transport from the club.
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services (where available) will be clearly displayed in the club.

### Bar Staff/Servers of alcohol

Bar staff/servers of alcohol shall:

- Encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be intoxicated or at risk of exceeding .05 blood alcohol concentration (e.g. offer to call to a taxi/friend/family)
- Promote low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks to consumers

### Club Functions

- The club will promote the use of public transport or taxis to and from functions.
- The MC for the function/committee will advise attendees that the club is a Good Sport accredited club, communicate the safe transport options and remind attendees to drink and behave responsibly.

### **Committee Members, Members, Players and Officials**

Those attending club activities where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Share a taxi with friends
- Catch public transport
- Ride with a driver who hasn't been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

### **Reviewing this policy**

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

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