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Dear FTGDCA clubs,

The junior executive is aware that it has become common practice for junior parents to bring their own alcohol in eski's and cooler bags etc to junior games on Friday nights. This practice is not only heavily restricting the home club's ability to make sales over the bar, it is also placing the home club in jeopardy of being in breach of their liquor licence and/or their 'Good Sports Club' affiliation.

<https://goodsports.com.au/>

Club liquor licenses do not permit BYO alcohol nor do they allow for the consumption of alcohol out on the ovals. Club liquor licenses only allow for the purchase of alcohol from the club and for consumption within the designated 'red line area' which is usually within the club rooms and may extend out under an attached veranda or similar. (refer to your clubs licences)

https://liquor.vcglr.vic.gov.au/alarm_internet/alarm_internet.asp?wci=start_alarm_internet

Both Knox and Yarra Ranges Councils have local by-laws that also deal with this issue. Both councils prohibit the consumption of alcohol or possession of open liquor in a public place (outside of a licensed venue – red line area.) Penalties do apply and can be issued by both local law's officers and Victoria Police.

This does not entirely prohibit the consumption of alcohol at the clubs on a Friday night. Patrons and spectators can consume alcohol - provided they do so in compliance with local laws and liquor licensing provisions.

Attached below are local laws policies relating to the consumption of alcohol in public places for both Knox City and Yarra Ranges Councils. Also attached is the EFL junior football alcohol policy.

Knox City Council Local laws

9.1 Without a permit a person must not consume or carry an open receptacle containing alcohol in any public place except at the times and in the places determined by Council and advertised in a newspaper generally circulating within the municipality.

http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Files/Legislation/General_Provisions_Local_Law_2010_-_As_Amended_2015.pdf

Yarra Ranges Council Local laws

Part 10 - Consumption of Liquor

10.1 Purpose The purpose of this Part is to control the consumption of liquor in Public Places and other places within certain areas of the municipality and during certain periods of the year.

10.2 Consumption and possession of Liquor is prohibited in certain circumstances

(a) A Person must not, in or on a Road, Council Land or Public Place, or within a Motor Vehicle which is in or on a Public Place:

(i) consume any liquor; or

(ii) have in his or her possession or control, any liquor other than liquor in a sealed container; in that part of the Municipal District prescribed by Council pursuant to this Local Law.

Penalty: 20 Penalty Units

(b) Clause 10.2(a) does not apply to a Person:

(i) taking part in a festival or event in respect of which the Council has granted a permit for persons to consume liquor or to have in their possession or control any liquor other than liquor in a sealed container;

(ii) within authorised premises or licensed premises under the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 or any subsequent legislation relating to the serving and consumption of liquor; or

(iii) who has been granted a permit to take liquor into an area prescribed by Council.

(c) Where an Authorised Officer believes on reasonable grounds that a Person is contravening or has contravened clause 10.2(a), the Authorised Officer may direct the Person to seal any container or dispose of the contents of any unsealed container.

(d) A Person who fails to obey a direction of an Authorised Officer under clause 10.2(c) is guilty of an offence. Penalty: 10 Penalty Units (e) Council may prescribe certain parts of the Municipal District where the consumption of liquor or the possession of liquor is prohibited. (f) No prescription under this clause 10.2 will have any force or effect unless signs advising of the prohibitions are erected in the relevant area of the Municipal District.

https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/webdocuments/planning-building-health/community-compliance/policies-strategies-community-compliance/general_provisions_local_law_2012_-_signed_and_sealed_14_august_2012.pdf

Eastern Football League Rules

17.1 At all junior games the consumption of alcohol at grounds shall not be permitted except inside licensed clubrooms. In no case shall alcohol consumption be permitted other than inside licensed clubrooms before, during or after junior matches. Clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their own members, supporters and followers. Breaches of this By-law will be considered serious and may attract monetary fines and other penalties at the discretion of the Board.

<http://efl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/EFL-By-Laws-June-2016.pdf>

In order to protect FTGDCA clubs and to ensure a safe & healthy environment for all parties, the FTGDCA junior executive have implemented the following policy which shall apply to all forms of junior cricket commencing in season 2019/20.

FTGDCA Junior Alcohol Policy

The consumption of alcohol at all **junior games** shall only be permitted **inside licensed clubrooms & within each of the venues 'red line areas'** in accordance with club & venue liquor licences.

Under no circumstances shall alcohol possession and consumption be permitted other than inside the red line area before, during or after junior matches. Host clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that the supply, possession and consumption of alcohol is in accordance with their liquor licence and local laws.

Clubs/licensees **shall not cause or permit** undue detriment to the **amenity of the area** to arise out of, or in connection with the uses of their premises to which their licence relates during or immediately after junior matches & trading hours. All clubs shall also be responsible for the conduct of their own members, supporters and followers.

Breaches of this policy may attract monetary fines and other penalties at the discretion of the full FTGDCA Executive.

Please ensure that your club members and junior parents are both aware and compliant with local laws, club liquor licences and the FTGDCA Junior Alcohol Policy.

Regards,



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