
Alcohol Policy & Guidelines – JRFC

Outcome Statement

To ensure the Johnsonville Rugby Football Club not only meets its license requirements which are critical to the running of the club, but to also ensure we promote a safe and family friendly environment.

General Rule

Alcohol is not to be consumed outside of our licensed area.

What is our licensed area?

This includes the upstairs area of the clubrooms only and **does not** include the green room, changing rooms, car park area and on the park (including the spectator areas)

Why is this being implemented?

As a responsible host it is critical, we ensure we are not only meeting our license requirements, but also ensuring a safe environment at the club. This is an area of concern for several rugby clubs including the Wellington Rugby Football Union.

In terms of the consumption of beverages after games in the changing rooms, as this is not a licensed area, this culture and practice is not to continue. JRFC wants to promote its players, family and friends and invite them to join their supporters in the clubrooms after each match to enjoy our facilities.

What about bonding sessions?

Teams are required to have team bonding session up in the clubrooms in a controlled way that adheres to our *Host Responsibility Policy* and *Player Code of Conduct*. Team bonding sessions are not to take place downstairs at all, and downstairs will be locked up at **6pm** after each match. If teams deem this unsuitable, then they can take this offsite to another premise. If they are wearing any team kit that contains the JRFC logo and colours, they are expected to consider their actions accordingly.

What if I received a Blue Card during today's match?

The health and wellbeing of players and supporters is paramount. As a result, players who received a Blue Card on the day will not be served alcohol. Managers' will be responsible for communicating to staff who these players are, and players are responsible for managing their own wellbeing as well. We want to support your rehabilitation to get you safely back in the game once you are cleared.

What are our licensed hours?

These are as follows and the bar will not be open outside of these hours:

- Monday – Thursday – 6.30pm – 10pm
- Friday – 5.30pm – 12am
- Saturday – 2pm – 12am
- Sunday – 2pm – 8.30pm.

What about bringing alcohol to the ground?

While JRFC is unable to control individuals bringing alcohol onto unlicensed areas, we will however, act appropriately if alcohol has been brought onto the areas specified. JRFC will not tolerate this as it compromises our legal obligation to act within relevant legislation. Where someone has taken alcohol up to the ground to watch a game, the Committee will ask them to move inside our clubrooms to utilise our licensed facility.

Host Responsibility Policy

You can find this at the following link on our website:

<https://www.jrhc.co.nz/host-responsibility-policy>

This policy was created to outline the standards expected regarding food offerings, transport, beverage offerings including low/non-alcoholic beverages as well as intoxication and minors.

On behalf of the Committee, we want all our members, supporters and whānau to stay safe and enjoy the season ahead.

The JRFC Committee
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