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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to guide Archery Victoria in promoting responsible drinking and preventing or managing problems associated with harmful alcohol consumption within the sport of archery.

1.2 Sporting clubs and associations are influential settings for shaping attitudes toward alcohol. Recognising the cultural connection between alcohol and sport, Archery Victoria is committed to taking proactive steps to reduce alcohol-related harm through the implementation of this policy.

1.3 This policy provides guidelines for the consumption of responsible drinking at all Club events. In outlining these procedures, Archery Victoria follows current, legislation, community sport requirements, and government alcohol consumption guidelines.

1.4 This Policy enters into force and applies to Archery Victoria, affiliated Clubs and Members as of 30 November 2025. Copies of all documents can be obtained from the Archery Victoria website.

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2. Policy Coverage

2.1 This policy applies to all areas under the authority of Archery Victoria, affiliated clubs and to everyone involved in our activities, including committee and board members, volunteers, members, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, and spectators.

2.2 This policy does not cover a Club that holds a liquor licence or obtains a temporary licence. Those Clubs shall develop their own policy to address serving of alcohol.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Archery Victoria promotes and supports strategies that minimise harm from alcohol use to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in archery under our control.

3.2 We encourage the responsible consumption of alcohol and will take seriously any behaviour or incident arising from excessive drinking.

4. Archery Victoria Responsibilities

4.1 Archery Victoria will take active steps to fulfil its responsibilities by:

- Seeking sponsorship and revenue sources that are not linked to alcohol.
- Educating members about this policy.
- Demonstrating a clear commitment to responsible alcohol consumption.
- Providing alcohol-free social events for young people and families.
- Not endorsing or supporting trips, events or celebrations that promote excessive drinking.

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- Complying with liquor licensing laws and prioritising the safety and wellbeing of all people.

4.2 When alcohol is consumed at any Archery Victoria event:

- People under 18 years will not be permitted to drink alcohol; photo ID will be required if age is uncertain.
- Excessive or rapid alcohol consumption will be discouraged.
- Assistance will be offered to anyone over the legal driving limit to help them get home safely (e.g. calling a taxi).
- A range of low-cost, low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks (e.g. water, sparkling water, low-joule soft drinks, juice) will be available.
- Snacks and meals will be encouraged whenever alcohol is consumed.
- Spectators consuming alcohol inappropriately may be asked to remove it from the venue.

5. Individual Responsibilities

5.1 All members, officials, and participants in Archery Victoria activities and functions must:

- Drink and behave responsibly at all Archery Victoria events and trips.
- Not supply alcohol to anyone under 18 years of age.
- Not consume alcohol if under 18 years of age.
- Not bring or consume alcohol at tournaments, whether as a competitor, spectator, coach, official, or volunteer.
- Not encourage or pressure others to drink excessively.
- Never spike another person's drink.
- Never participate in shooting archery after consuming alcohol.

6. Consequences of Non-Compliance

6.1 Archery Victoria will take disciplinary action for breaches of this policy.

- Intoxication: Members or officials who become intoxicated at an Archery Victoria event will be asked to leave. Repeated incidents will be treated as breaches of our Codes of Conduct and may result in suspension or termination of membership or position.
- Drink spiking: This is a criminal offence and may result in police involvement. It will also be treated as a serious breach under our Member Protection Policy.
- Supplying alcohol to minors: This is a criminal offence and may attract significant penalties. It will also be treated as a breach of our Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.
- Underage drinking: Anyone under 18 found consuming alcohol at an Archery Victoria event may be suspended for the remainder of the competition or tournament. Parents will be notified and responsible for their child's transport home.
- Inappropriate behaviour: Any member or official whose behaviour is affected by alcohol (e.g. harassment, abuse, assault, neglect of a child) will face disciplinary action under the Member Protection Policy and relevant Codes of Conduct.

7. Related Policies

This Alcohol Management Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Member Protection Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy