RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL POLICY

Rationale

The Pony Club Association of Victoria is a youth movement and is obliged not to encourage the consumption of alcohol. Coaches, officials and parents should be aware any time they consume alcohol of the example they set.

Who is affected by the Policy

This policy applies to all Pony Club Victoria members, administrators, officials, coaches, riders, participants, visitors, volunteers and employees**.** This policy also applies when any of these listed individuals are representing Pony Club Victoria or attending any Pony Club Victoria facilities, functions, or events.

Policy

- The consumption of alcohol by officials and riders is prohibited for eight hours prior to and during a riding event.

- The consumption by others at an event should not be encouraged.

- Underage drinking of alcohol is not to be permitted.

- At other times, such as the completion of the day's activities, alcohol may be consumed by legally entitled persons but with the due regard to responsible behaviour and the safety and care of riders, teams and the horses.

- PCV chaperones and coaches should not consume alcohol during the period they are responsible for Pony Clubbers during riding events.

Non Compliance

Non-compliance with this policy will result in disciplinary action by the Club/Zone or PCV Executive on behalf of the Council

In addition to this policy, PCV follow the Alcohol policy of the Australian Pony Club Council who state:
"Any rider found 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 an approved Pony Club policy. Such decision should be made by either a ground jury or the organising committee and should be based on duty of care."

Authorisation

This policy was adopted by the PCV State Council, at the State Council meeting 17th April 2001

Review Date

This policy shall be reviewed on 9th November 2004.

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