

Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol, and Drugs

1. Purpose

Rowing South Australia is committed to providing safe, healthy, inclusive, and family-friendly environments for participants, volunteers, officials, spectators, contractors, and visitors.

This document establishes requirements relating to:

- smoking and vaping;
- alcohol consumption;
- drug use;
- impairment;
- supervision responsibilities;
- and licensed activities

conducted during activities undertaken under the authority of Rowing South Australia.

The purpose of these requirements is to:

- support participant health and safety;
- support child safe environments;
- support responsible behaviour;
- reduce risks associated with impairment;
- and ensure compliance with applicable legislation and licensing requirements.

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- the Rowing SA Safety and Training Policy;
- the Rowing SA Motor Vehicle Policy;
- the Rowing SA Photography and Media Policy;
- the Rowing Australia National Integrity Framework;
- applicable liquor licensing requirements;
- and relevant South Australian legislation.

2. Smoking and Vaping

Rowing SA supports smoke-free and vape-free sporting environments.

Smoking and vaping must comply with applicable South Australian legislation, venue requirements, Council restrictions, and any event-specific operational requirements.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in locations where prohibited by law, including enclosed public places, enclosed workplaces, and areas associated with organised junior sporting activities.

For Rowing SA activities, smoking and vaping are not permitted:

- inside Rowing SA buildings or enclosed areas;
- inside Rowing SA vehicles, safety boats, or coaching boats;
- in toilets, change rooms, or equipment storage areas;
- within designated smoke-free or vape-free areas; or
- in any location where smoking or vaping is prohibited by legislation, venue requirements, Council restrictions, or Rowing SA operational directions.

3. Alcohol and Licensed Areas

Alcohol consumption must not compromise:

- participant safety;

- supervision responsibilities;
- safeguarding obligations;
- operational duties;
- decision-making;
- or the safe conduct of rowing activities.

Alcohol may only be consumed within approved licensed areas operating under a valid liquor licence and in accordance with applicable licensing laws and venue requirements.

Consumption of alcohol outside approved licensed areas is not permitted.

The lawn and surrounding outdoor areas may only be utilised for alcohol service or consumption where:

- prior approval has been obtained from Rowing SA;
- the liquor licence has been extended, varied, or approved where required;
- and all applicable licensing conditions are complied with.

Clubs, schools, hirers, and affiliated organisations seeking to utilise outdoor areas for licensed functions or events must obtain approval from Rowing SA before the activity occurs.

Any costs associated with:

- liquor licence applications;
- licence variations;
- compliance requirements;
- security arrangements;
- or other licensing obligations

are the responsibility of the hirer or organising body unless otherwise approved by Rowing SA.

All persons involved in licensed functions are expected to comply with:

- responsible service of alcohol requirements;
- directions issued by Rowing SA;
- venue operational requirements;
- and applicable licensing legislation.

Rowing SA reserves the right to refuse, restrict, suspend, or terminate licensed activities where safety, behavioural, safeguarding, operational, or licensing concerns arise.

Individuals remain responsible for ensuring they are fit to participate.

4. Alcohol, Drugs and Impairment

Participants must not engage in rowing activities while impaired by alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription medication, or any other substance that may affect judgement, coordination, concentration, reaction time, or decision-making.

Persons who are impaired, or who may reasonably be considered impaired, must not:

- participate in rowing activities where safety may be affected;
- coach or supervise participants;
- operate safety boats;
- drive vehicles or tow trailers;
- ride bicycles while coaching;
- officiate events;
- or undertake operational duties where safety may be compromised.

Individuals remain responsible for ensuring they are fit to participate and fit to undertake any operational duties assigned to them. Persons undertaking operational roles are also responsible for ensuring they are fit for duty and capable of safely performing the responsibilities associated with that role.

Where concerns exist regarding impairment, Rowing SA may remove a person from participation until it is considered safe for them to resume activities.

5. Anti-Doping and Prohibited Substances

Rowing SA supports clean sport and complies with the anti-doping requirements of Rowing Australia, the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

Participants must not use, possess, traffic, administer, or encourage the use of prohibited substances or prohibited methods in breach of applicable anti-doping rules.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that any medication, supplement, or substance they use complies with applicable anti-doping requirements.

Participants should seek appropriate advice regarding medications, supplements, and Therapeutic Use Exemptions where required.

Alleged anti-doping rule violations may be managed in accordance with Rowing Australia policies and applicable national anti-doping processes.

6. Supervision and Child Safety

Persons responsible for the supervision, care, coaching, transport, management, or welfare of children and young people must remain fit to undertake those responsibilities at all times and must not place participants at risk through impairment or inappropriate alcohol or substance use.

Alcohol consumption or substance use must not compromise a person's ability to:

- supervise participants;
- respond to emergencies;
- make appropriate decisions;
- or fulfil safeguarding obligations.

Where concerns exist regarding impairment or supervision capability, Rowing SA may take immediate action to protect participant welfare and safety.

7. Vehicles, Safety Boats and Operational Equipment

Drivers and operators of:

- motor vehicles;
- hire vehicles;
- trailers;
- safety boats;
- coaching boats;
- bicycles used for coaching;
- and other operational equipment

must not be impaired by alcohol, drugs, medication, fatigue, or any other condition that may affect safe operation.

Additional requirements relating to vehicles and towing are contained within the Rowing SA Motor Vehicle Policy.

8. Functions, Events and Social Activities

Rowing SA recognises that alcohol may be served at approved social functions, presentations, fundraising events, and licensed activities.

Such activities must be conducted in a manner that:

- supports participant safety;
- supports child safe environments;
- complies with licensing requirements;
- and does not adversely impact Rowing SA operations or reputation.

Event organisers remain responsible for ensuring appropriate supervision, responsible service practices, and compliance with licence conditions. Alcohol must not be supplied to minors and all licensed activities must comply with Responsible Service of Alcohol requirements.

9. Compliance and Enforcement

Rowing SA may take action where smoking, vaping, alcohol, drug use, or impairment creates safety, safeguarding, operational, behavioural, or compliance concerns.

Such action may include:

- directions to cease an activity;
- removal from an activity or venue;
- suspension of participation;
- withdrawal of approvals;
- refusal of access to facilities or events;
- referral under the National Integrity Framework;
- or other action permitted under Rowing SA policies and procedures.

Serious matters may also be referred to:

- police;
- regulatory authorities;
- Sport Integrity Australia;
- or other appropriate agencies.

10. Related Documents

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Rowing SA Safety and Training Policy;
- Rowing SA Motor Vehicle Policy;
- Rowing SA Photography and Media Policy;
- Rowing SA Incident Reporting Procedure;
- Rowing Australia National Integrity Framework;
- Liquor Licensing Act 1997 (SA);
- Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997 (SA);
- and other applicable legislation.
- Rowing Australia Anti-Doping Policy;