

## ***WPA National Team - Position Statement on Alcohol***

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After review of the AOC Position Statement on Alcohol released on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, Water Polo Australia (WPA) have decided on the below position regarding alcohol to be applied on all national camps, international tours and competitions. WPA has introduced their standalone position on alcohol in light of the AOC position statement released recently and application of our athlete agreement in particular clauses 3.1 (f), (k), (l) and 3.2 (c) and (d). Both of these documents are available on the WPA website.

The WPA position on alcohol is listed below;

- WPA will adhere to the principles of the AOC position statement with particular reference to;
  - The possession, service or consumption of alcohol by any Team member within the Team hotel or other designated Team locations is not permitted. This includes the consumption of alcohol served by a third party such as other Teams
- All senior national camps, competitions and tours in addition to the above reference will abide by the following;
  - No Team official will consume, serve or be in the possession of alcohol in team uniform and will be expected to consume alcohol responsibly at all times; being prepared to perform any official duties at any time if required
  - Team members may be permitted to consume alcohol responsibly subject to local laws where WPA have sanctioned an official function or team dinner or prior approval has been granted by WPA, the national head coach and team manager who assume responsibility and accountability for any such approval
  - Where approval has been granted for athletes to consume alcohol no athlete team member will consume, serve or be in possession of alcohol in team uniform and is expected to consume alcohol responsibly adhering to the athlete agreement
- All junior and youth national camps, competitions and tours are to be alcohol free regardless of any local laws on alcohol consumption
- Any behaviour by a Team member that contradicts the above is to be reported to the WPA CEO and/or HPM immediately for a review and application of any sanction decided in conjunction with the national head coach, any other national coach where applicable and respective team manager based on the athlete agreement and WPA codes of conduct.

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