

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION



ALCOHOL POLICY

POLICY No. 25

INTRODUCTION

The South Australian Clay Target Association Inc. (SACTA) has formulated this Alcohol Policy to minimise the risk of injury, illness etc. in South Australian Clay Target sports that are coordinated by SACTA and affiliated Clubs. This will assist administrators, officials, coaches, and competitors to recognise and manage situations before they present an unacceptable risk.

This Policy outlines the responsible use of alcohol on Club grounds, and is fundamental to the aims of the South Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

This Policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, volunteers, and competitors associated with SACTA.

SACTA has a **ZERO** tolerance when it comes to alcohol use either whilst on the range, or in possession of an unsecured firearm.

RATIONALE

SACTA and all affiliated Clubs need to ensure that hosts and organisers observe their Duty of Care to all competitors, volunteers, officials, and spectators. SACTA encourages a common-sense approach. This Policy focuses on the well being of all individuals and aims to maintain the highest levels of enjoyment and safe participation for all.

SACTA's mandate is to uphold the rules and regulations in relation to the consumption of alcohol whilst in the possession of a firearm. It is our Policy to provide a safe shooting range which is free from any risks associated with alcohol use. It is the objective of SACTA to ensure an understanding amongst all competitors that it is not acceptable to attend any SACTA Club, or to be in possession of a firearm whilst under the influence of alcohol or whilst impaired so as to affect their capacity to observe required rules of safety.

Exercising or undertaking official duties or competing in events whilst intoxicated can place participants and spectators at risk.

Alcohol intoxication can impair an individual's judgement, performance or management of firearms at all levels of participation leading to an increased risk of accidents and injuries occurring.

For safety reasons, it is everyone's responsibility to identify concerns about a person's level of intoxication and raise their concerns immediately and appropriately.

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What we ask you to do

All members and competitors are required to comply with the following:

- Responsible behavior at all Club events.
- If you are a competitor, do not consume alcohol until events/shoot-offs that you are involved in are finished and your firearm has been packed/cased and locked away.
- Do not participate in events or shoot-offs if you have consumed **any** alcohol.
- Do not not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol.
- Do not assist in trapping or any other conduct that requires attendance on a shooting layout.
- If you have consumed any alcohol, you will not be permitted to shoot again that day.
- When consuming alcohol on Club grounds, accept your responsibilities and expectations of other members and adhere to the criteria of this Policy.

Non-Compliance

The relevant Club will take action for breaches of behaviour and responsibilities outlined in this Policy. If deemed necessary by the Club, an incident report will be provided to the Zone or State for consultation and possible further action.

- If members or competitors become intoxicated at the Club, they should be asked to leave. Ongoing instances of intoxication will breach of our Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action from Club Management (e.g., suspension or possible reporting to the State Board for action or in extreme cases, termination of membership).
- Separate action can be taken for a breach of our Club's Member Protection Policies to provide for the protection, safety, and welfare of members.
- Any person aged under 18 found to have consumed alcohol while at a Club may be suspended for the remainder of the competition/tournament. The young person's parents or guardians shall be advised and will thereafter be responsible for the child.
- Any member found to have behaved inappropriately because of over-consumption of alcohol (e.g., sexual harassment, verbal abuse, physical assault, neglect of a child) may face additional disciplinary action as outlined in our Clubs/State Member Protection Policy or Code of Conduct.

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