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ALCOHOL POLICY

The Association accepts that alcohol consumption in our society is legally and culturally normative and recognises the place of moderate consumption. However it considers it important to create an environment, within the series of inter-collegiate championships and events, which promotes a responsible attitude to the consumption of alcohol.

In doing so it accepts the potential of alcohol abuse to adversely affect the wellbeing of individuals, and the reputation of student sport.

SSI will:

- Support programmes of education for Organising Committees of championships to increase their awareness of problems with alcohol abuse and binge drinking at student events.
- Discourage the use of sponsorship of any kind offered by businesses promoting alcohol in student sport.
- Seek to eradicate any reference to inappropriate use of alcohol in rules or constitutions of Inter-Varsity / Collegiate Championships

SSI members and event Organising Committees have a responsibility to ensure the health of student athletes in order that they may perform to their potential at the Championship. It is important that the event itself is not impaired by the abuse of alcohol.

1. Representative students drinking alcohol must consume alcohol in a responsible manner.
2. Their use of alcohol must not impinge on other people's ability to enjoy the use of the facilities.
3. Excessive drinking may not be used as an excuse for behaviour which contravenes their University / College's Disciplinary Code.

Organising Committees who wish to organise receptions or functions involving alcohol must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. If free alcoholic drinks are available at any function, free soft drinks and food must also be provided.
2. No more than two free drinks must be made available to any member in a controlled environment.
3. Students cannot promote alcohol consumption in advertisement for any event.
4. Alcohol cannot be awarded as a prize or reward for competitive events.

SSI may take appropriate action against individual students and/or organising committees which do not comply with the above guidelines.

