

ALCOHOL & SMOKING

This Position Statement outlines Commonwealth Games Australia's (CGA) stance on smoking and the consumption of alcohol by Team members (athletes and officials) during the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

BACKGROUND

CGA is committed to creating a Team environment which supports Team performance and ensures that the highest standards of conduct are maintained by all Team members throughout the Games period (as defined in the 2022 Team Membership Agreement).

Membership of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team is a privilege not a right. This privilege comes with obligations and responsibilities. Each Team member is individually responsible for:

- maximising their own performance at the Games – whether they are an athlete or an official;
- supporting other Team members in the pursuit of their best possible performance; and
- not engaging in any conduct which has a detrimental impact on other Team members or other Games participants or personnel.

ALCOHOL

CGA does not intend to impose a ban on alcohol consumption during the Games period. The consumption of alcohol is a personal choice but subject to the laws of the United Kingdom and any additional restrictions imposed by a Team member's sport section of the Team.

At all times, Team members are subject to the laws of the United Kingdom relating to the purchase and consumption of alcohol. Generally, if you are under the age of 18 years, it is against UK law:

- for someone to sell you alcohol;
- to buy or try to buy alcohol;
- for an adult to buy or try to buy alcohol for you; and
- to drink alcohol in licensed premises (such as a pub or restaurant),

The excessive consumption of alcohol is inconsistent with and detrimental to elite athlete preparation and performance. It can lead to conduct which would bring a Team member, their sport, the Team and CGA into disrepute or public censure.

Team members who are intoxicated can cause unnecessary and unwelcome disruption to others preparing for competition or, generally, trying to enjoy their Games experience.

It should be noted the CGA position on alcohol can be reviewed should it become apparent that Team member performance or behaviour are being adversely affected by alcohol consumption. The Chef de Mission, in their absolute discretion, will determine whether circumstances warrant imposing any restrictions on alcohol consumption.

CGA respects and will support the decision of individual sections of the Team to impose more stringent restrictions on alcohol consumption than those imposed by CGA and the Chef de Mission.

SMOKING

CGA discourages smoking including the use of e-cigarettes. Smoking, including exposure to "second hand" smoke, is inconsistent with and detrimental to elite athlete preparation and performance.

Team members who choose to smoke must observe the laws of United Kingdom relating to smoking. In addition, they are required to use approved and designated smoking areas in the Games Village or at sport venues. It is illegal for tobacco products and e-cigarettes to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years in United Kingdom.

Smoking is prohibited in all official Games vehicles.

Team members who smoke have an obligation to ensure their smoking does not adversely impact on their fellow Team members and other Games participants.

POSITION STATEMENT REVIEW

CGA reserves the right to amend this Position Statement should circumstances require. Amendments to this Position Statement during the Games Period will be approved by the Chef de Mission.

If this Position Statement is amended, it will be made available to all Team members as soon as possible.



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POSITION STATEMENT