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Guildford and Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club
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RATIONALE

Guildford and Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club recognises that:

- It has a duty of care to all members and visitors involved in club-related activities
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely
- Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community
- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia
- It takes one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver
- It takes considerable time until a person can legally and safely drive home if they have consumed over the recommended levels of alcohol.
- Driving while tired can seriously affect the ability to drive safely.

Accordingly, the following safe transport policy shall apply for all functions undertaken by the club that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

GENERAL

- Non-alcoholic drinks will be available at all functions. Where alcohol is consumed, food will also be available.
- The committee will organise taxi's where requested, however as a Junior Sporting Club we strongly encourage members to consume alcohol responsibly, and to have transport plans in place prior to the event (eg designated drivers, Taxi/Uber, etc)

CLUB FUNCTIONS

- The committee will pre-order taxis (where available) to arrive at the venue at the conclusion of the function where requested.
- In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, the club will ensure non-alcoholic drinks and/or bar food are available (or passengers will be encouraged to provide/pay for these for their driver).
- For selected functions held at a hotel or similar, the club will arrange for reduced-rate rooms for members to encourage them stay over rather than drive while potentially intoxicated.
- The MC for the function/committee will advise attendees that the club is a Good Sport accredited club, communicate the safe transport options and regularly remind attendees to drink and behave responsibly.

SWIM MEETS

Most swim meets we attend as a club are metropolitan based, however they can run for extended periods (as long as 12hrs). We do on occasion attend country meets (eg Geraldton, Albany). All these meets can be very tiring, and require travel home post the event. It is important that all members have safe travel plans in place. If in doubt, or you don't feel up to the trip home, please consider the following options:

- Ride share – get a lift with someone else and collect your car another day.
- Spend the night and travel back the next day (country meets)
- Add a stop, such as a visit to a park, stop for dinner, visit a friend.
- Consider a taxi/uber.
- Approach a committee member to discuss any other options.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

Those attending club activities where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Plan ahead and arrange overnight accommodation.
- Share a taxi (where available) with friends.
- Catch public transport (where available).
- Ride with a driver who hasn't been drinking alcohol or taking drugs

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by the club committee to ensure it remains relevant to club operations, and reflects community expectations and legislation. Updates of this policy will be promoted as outlined above.

SIGNATURE:

Signed: 

Club President

Date: 16/08/2018

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Club Secretary

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Next policy review date is **August 2019**

ENQUIRIES

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