



To All Clubs,

There have been several reports in the last month of people drinking alcohol while involved in match day duties, including marshals and unofficial referees. The BDAFA MC and the GPT hold that drinking alcohol while performing duties on match day is a potential breach of Football NSW By-Laws 11.5 (a) and 11.5 (b), and of Football NSW Regulation 10.10. It is therefore BDAFA Policy that anyone engaged in match day activities is prohibited from drinking alcohol.

For the sake of clarity, the following people are specifically prohibited from drinking during the execution of their duties, or during a match in which they are participating or officiating:

- Players
- Substitute players
- Coaches
- Managers
- Any other registered team official (assistant coach, assistant manager, physio, strapper, Committee member etc)
- Any other person permitted or called upon to enter the field of play or technical area
- Team marshals
- Ground marshals
- Referees and assistant referees (official or unofficial)

Note that drinking prior to any match day activities may create difficulties for intoxicated persons where incidents are reported. Persons who have completed their match day duties should ensure that they have been relieved or replaced (where applicable), and are out of any identifying uniform (ie not wearing an identifying marshal's vest).

Clubs should ensure their members understand the procedures and potential penalties published in Football NSW Circulars 11/02 and 11/03.