



# **PLAYER-ONLY & ALCOHOL EXCLUSION ZONES POLICY**

## **1. Purpose**

The Sunraysia Cricket Association (SCA) is committed to ensuring safe, controlled, and family-friendly environments at all night games and finals. This Policy establishes clear standards for player-only areas, alcohol-exclusion zones, and spectator management across all SCA-affiliated venues.

## **2. Scope**

This Policy applies to:

- All SCA-affiliated clubs
- All players and match officials
- All spectators and club members
- All night games and finals conducted under the SCA

## **3. Club Policy Submission Requirement**

The SCA **requires all affiliated clubs to submit their own Player-Only & Alcohol Exclusion Zones Policy before the start of each SCA cricket season.** This ensures clubs have documented procedures that align with SCA safety standards and match-day expectations. Policies must be submitted to the SCA Administrator. If a club requires guidance in drafting or updating its policy, the SCA will provide assistance.

## **4. Player-Only Zones**

Player-only zones must be clearly defined and enforced at all venues. These areas include:

- The playing field
- Coach boxes
- Any designated team-only spaces
- Only registered players and appointed match officials may enter these areas during SCA-affiliated matches.

## **5. Alcohol-Exclusion Zones**

Alcohol-free zones must be established and maintained to promote safe and family-friendly viewing. These zones should:

- Be clearly marked and visible
- Be located near junior spectators and family viewing areas
- Be supported by signage and lighting where applicable

## **6. Spectator & Crowd Management**

To ensure a safe and enjoyable match-day experience, clubs must implement appropriate crowd-management measures, including:

- Spectators and non-playing club members remaining outside the boundary line and restricted areas at all times
- Adequate lighting and signage around restricted zones
- Volunteer or committee presence near high-traffic areas
- Public address announcements reinforcing venue expectations (where available)
- These measures help reduce the likelihood of spectator-player interactions escalating and support a welcoming environment for families and supporters.



## **7. Access to Playing Areas – Mandatory Rule**

Clubs must ensure:

- Only registered players and appointed match officials have access to the playing field and coach boxes during all SCA-affiliated matches.
- Spectators and non-playing club members remain outside the boundary line and designated restricted areas at all times.

## **8. Compliance**

All clubs are required to implement this Policy as part of their match-day operations. The SCA may review compliance at any time and take action where necessary to uphold safety, integrity, and competition standards.

## **9. Recommended Venue Management Measures**

To further enhance the match-day experience for the public, the SCA encourages clubs to consider:

- Clearly marked family-friendly viewing zones
- Adequate lighting and signage around restricted areas
- Volunteer or committee presence near high-traffic areas to assist with crowd behaviour
- Designated alcohol-free sections, particularly near junior spectators
- Public address announcements reinforcing venue expectations where available