



AUSTRALIAN  
OLYMPIC  
COMMITTEE

## **POSITION STATEMENT**

### **THE AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM & ALCOHOL**

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) is committed to creating an Olympic Team environment which supports high performance and ensures that the highest standards of conduct are maintained by all Team members (athletes and officials) throughout the entire Games period.

Team members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which is consistent with the A.S.P.I.R.E values (attached). In particular, they are expected to consider the needs of their fellow Team members who are preparing for or are in competition and not behave in a manner which may disrupt or negatively impact on the performance of others.

Subject to the restrictions outlined below, Team members are permitted to consume alcohol responsibly. At all times, local laws with respect of alcohol consumption must be observed.

For all Team members selected on future Olympic Teams and Youth Olympic Teams – Summer and Winter (Teams) - the following restrictions will apply with respect of alcohol during the Games Period (as defined in the relevant Team Membership Agreement):

- Team members are not permitted to be present in the Olympic Village or other designated Team locations if they are intoxicated and displaying conduct which may be inappropriate or disruptive to others. This conduct includes:
  - Being disorderly or argumentative;
  - Being bad tempered, aggressive or using offensive language;
  - Swaying, staggering or falling down;
  - Speech which is loud and boisterous;
  - Having rambling conversations;
  - Having difficulty in paying attention or comprehending others;
  - Annoying fellow Team members and others; or
  - Other conduct deemed by the Chef de Mission to be inconsistent with the standards expected of a Team member.

- The possession, service or consumption of alcohol by any Team member within the Olympic Village or other designated Team locations is not permitted. This includes the consumption of alcohol served by a third party such as other Olympic Teams;

and;

- The consumption of alcohol on the Team Charter Flight returning to Australia is not permitted. A Team member who is intoxicated may be refused permission to board the Team Charter Flight.

Prior to each edition of the Olympic, Olympic Winter, Youth Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games (Games) the respective Chef de Mission will issue a direction to all Team members regarding the restrictions which will apply to the possession or consumption of alcohol. Each direction will include details of any sanctions to be applied.

Failure to comply with the Chef de Mission's direction will be regarded as a breach of the Team Membership Agreement. The Chef de Mission will determine in their sole and absolute discretion the sanction(s) to be applied to the offending Team member.

These restrictions have been implemented to ensure that Australia's Olympic athletes are given the opportunity to compete to the best of their ability and with distinction.

*Adopted 14 November, 2013*

**JOHN D COATES  
PRESIDENT**

Encl: A.S.P.I.R.E. Values



## A.S.P.I.R.E. Values

Sport can reflect human endeavour and human spirit at its best. For sport to be inspirational, sportsmen and women need to respect a set of values.

**A**ttitude – My positive attitude is essential in overcoming obstacles to help me improve and give of my best. My positive attitude is a key ingredient to success and leadership.

**S**portsmanship – I recognise that sport is greater than the individual; that cheating reduces the stature of sport and all who love it; that class, race and creed are never factors in the attitude of true sports people and those who respect the virtues and values of sport.

**P**ride – Pride drives me when the temptation is to settle for something less. I am proud to have been chosen to represent our country.

**I**ndividual responsibility – I alone am responsible for my performance but I will be generous in acknowledging the support of others.

**R**espect – I respect sport, the efforts of my competitors, my team mates and officials. I respect Australia, our Olympic past and the spirit of Olympism.

**E**xpress – I have an opinion and will express my view with thought and consideration to others. In showing my emotions I do so with individuality and, where possible, good humour and humility.

Together we aspire to achieve our highest level of performance and conduct thus providing the finest expression of Olympism.