

Regulations make it an offence to take liquor into major sporting venues

Minister for Racing and Gaming Terry Waldron today announced a change to the *Liquor Control Regulations 1989* that makes it an offence to bring liquor into a number of major Perth sporting arenas.

Mr Waldron said recent amendments to the *Liquor Control Act 1988* introduced an offence for a person to bring liquor into a prescribed sports arena, without the consent of the licensee.

“This offence applies to any sports arena that has been prescribed in the Regulations for the purposes of section 110 of the Act,” he said.

“The Regulations have been amended to include 10 high profile Perth sporting arenas which will now be known as ‘prescribed venues’.”

Mr Waldron said the move comes after the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor consulted closely with the operators of the venues involved.

“All stakeholders showed a willingness to have their venues added to the prescribed sporting arena list as one way of addressing alcohol-related anti social behaviour at their arenas,” he said.

The prescribed sporting arenas are:

- Subiaco Oval (Patersons Stadium);
- Perth Oval (NIB Stadium);
- Western Australian Cricket Association Ground (WACA);
- Ascot Racecourse;
- Belmont Park Racecourse;
- Gloucester Park;
- Challenge Stadium;
- Arena Joondalup;
- Perth Motorplex; and
- Cannington Greyhounds.

The Minister said he expected other sporting venue operators to apply to the Department to have their venues added to the list.

The maximum penalty for bringing liquor into a prescribed sports arena, without the consent of the licensee, is \$2000.

The regulations become operational on September 5, 2012.