

**THE FOREST HILL FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Applies to: The Forest Hill Football Netball Club		Version: 1
Specific responsibility: Substance Abuse Officer of Forest Hill Football Netball Club		Date approved: 19/04/18
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Policy context: The Forest Hill Football Netball Club understands and accepts it has a duty of care to provide a safe and healthy environment, free of smoking in the clubrooms and a healthy environment free from passive smoking. This policy reflects a commitment by the club to the health, safety and welfare of all its members.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette use in club venues and at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

DEFINITIONS

**jurisdiction extends to the club premises and all activities organized by or for the club at any location or venue*

PROCEDURES

Forest Hill Football Netball Club recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact on the junior members of our club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less acceptable, and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts.
- Smoke free environments can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.

Smoking restrictions for sporting clubs differ from state to state, and are strengthened regularly. Our club will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking

restrictions.

Our club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist this process. In addition, the club will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, quitnow.gov.au), where appropriate.

The following policy shall apply to all club members, volunteers and visitors:

- Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.
- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by our club.
- Many young people hold parents, teammates and coaches in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay. Therefore, we expect that coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.
- To foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.
- **SMOKE FREE AREAS**

Our club requires the following areas of the club's facility/sporting ground to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All canteen, catering, eating areas.

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials.

- **PROMOTING THIS POLICY**

Our club will promote this policy regularly by:

- Placing a copy of the policy in club newsletters, printed member information and on the website.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

- **NON-COMPLIANCE**

All club committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our club policy, and directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

- **POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFICER

The Club will designate an appropriate individual to act as the “Substance Abuse Officer” This person will be made know to all members of the club and will be made responsible for the management of all illegal drug related incidents.

DOCUMENTATION

Documents related to this policy	
Relevant guidelines and standards	Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Work Safe Victoria Australian Sports Commission Sporting Guide to a Safe Workplace Good Sports Australia

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