

SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY

Football Northern Territory

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette¹ use in club venues and at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our commitment to 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 Football NT:

- 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 organisation, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

2. RATIONALE

Football NT 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 clubs.
- 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 clubs in the community.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

Our organisation 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, will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, quitnow.gov.au), where appropriate.

¹ The term 'e-cigarettes' includes Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems.

The following policy shall apply to all Football NT 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 clubs.
- 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 Football NT, on and off the field.
- To foster our 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.

4. SMOKE FREE AREAS

Our club facilities are to be completely smoke free and shall include:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering, eating and drinking areas.

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials. A designated smoking permitted area is also located outside the venue.

5. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

Football NT 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.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

All Football NT staff will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify the staff of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our organisations policy, and directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.

- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two staff/security personnel who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the facilities or function.

7. POLICY REVIEW

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

SIGNATURES:


Signed:


FNT CEO

Date:

29/01/21

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Next policy review date is 01 February 2022

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