

St.Mary's Cricket Club

(Affiliated Dandenong & District Cricket Association)

'SMOKEFREE' Policy

Rationale

St.Mary's Cricket Club recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke (passive smoking) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected.

Passive smoking can lead to serious illnesses in adults such as bronchitis, lung cancer, and cardiovascular disease. Children can also develop chest illnesses and asthma from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Accordingly, the club has developed a policy to protect the health of all concerned.

The move to go SMOKEFREE also complements the club's desire to create a healthy family and community friendly environment and image that will be advantageous in attracting new members, as well as positively promoting the club.

Legislation and legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a SMOKEFREE club.

Under common law the Club has a legal duty of care to ensure that all members, players, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act stipulates that all volunteers must have a safe working environment.

Victorian legislation also states that food preparation and eating areas must be SMOKEFREE.

Who is affected by this policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of and to St.Mary's Cricket Club.

Timing

This policy is effective from 1 October 2004

Policy Review

The policy was introduced in Season 2002/03 and is reviewed on a season by season basis. This enables the policy to be current and practical.

Sale of Tobacco Products

The Club will under no circumstances, sell tobacco products.

Designated Smokefree Areas

Smoking is not permitted inside the pavilion/rooms, which includes the canteen, the office, toilets, upstairs and downstairs change rooms and all eating areas.

Smoking is also not permitted near open windows or near entries and exits to pavilion/rooms.

Behavioural Expectations

The Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact on Junior players.

Hence individuals are asked to refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in uniform.

This particularly applies to Coaches, Managers, Officials, volunteers and Senior Players.

Non-Compliance Strategy

The following strategy will apply if a breach of the Club's SMOKEFREE policy occurs.

1. Assume person is unaware of policy.
2. Club Representative to approach the person breaching policy and politely ask them to refrain and remind them of Club policy.
3. If offence continues, most senior club representative will give final verbal warning, making person aware that they will be required to leave club facility should they ignore this final request.
4. If offence continues, the person will be escorted out of the Club.
5. Under no circumstances should the St.Mary's Cricket Club SMOKEFREE policy be breached.

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