



Fremantle District Cricket Club Smoking Management Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Fremantle District Cricket Club is a proud club where its success comes from the actions of its members, players and committee on and off the field. In this regard, the FDCC embraces practices that protect and provide safe environments for the people involved in our club. One such practice is minimising the harm that may be caused due to the use of tobacco products.

RATIONALE

This policy outlines the FDCC's procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette use in and around the club premises 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 the 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 the club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understand the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

The FDCC recognises its responsibilities, financial and social benefits in maintaining a strong and healthy club. In doing, the FDCC recognises:

- 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.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The FDCC will comply with the requirements of the *Tobacco Products Control Act 2006* and recognises the importance of educating club members and players of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy. In addition, the FDCC 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.
 - 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 the FDCC'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.
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SMOKE FREE AREAS

The following areas of Stevens Reserve are considered to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas.
- All outdoor playing and training areas, and any external area covered by the liquor licence.
- All spectator areas (covered standing and seated areas).
- All canteen, catering, eating and drinking areas.

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

PROMOTING THE POLICY

The FDCC 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 are to notify the committee of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining the 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 (at the September meeting) to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.
