



## **EDITHVALE ASPENDALE SPORTING CLUB**

### **SMOKE FREE POLICY**

Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club recognise that passive smoking (inhaling second-hand smoke) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Passive smoking can lead to other serious illnesses such as bronchitis, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, and chest illnesses in children. Accordingly the following policy has been developed Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club to help protect people's health. The move to go Smoke Free also complements Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club's desire to create a healthy family friendly environment. The Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting the club in the community.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide reasons to have a Smoke Free club. Under common law the Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian Smoke Free dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be Smoke Free.

#### **Who is Affected by the Policy**

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the (name of club).

#### **Designated Smoke Free Areas**

Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club requires the following areas to be Smoke Free:

- Club and social rooms
- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet blocks
- Indoor spectator viewing areas
- Playing areas
- Eating areas
- Undercover spectator viewing areas during game times
- Near entries and exits of buildings (within 5 metres)



## **Behavioural Expectations**

Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club. Hence, the following individuals and groups are to refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform:

- Coaches (when coaching or representing the club)
- Trainers (when training players or representing the club)
- Officials (when representing the club)
- Volunteers (when representing the club)
- Players (when in uniform and representing the club)

## **Promotion of the Policy**

The following mediums will remind patrons about the Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club's Smoke Free policy:

- Non-smoking signs
- Website
- Noticeboards
- Function speeches
- Cigarette butt bins will be provided outside to encourage smokers to smoke outside.

## **Non-Compliance Strategy**

The following five step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the (name of club)'s SmokeFree policy

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the SmokeFree policy.
2. A committee member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the Smoke Free policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them again and hand over a formally written letter that outlines the club's policy on smoking. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave the club's facility. The club's management committee will sign off on the letter. This letter will be pre-written and kept both behind the bar and in the club secretary's office so that copies are readily available.
4. If the offence does continue then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by senior club representatives if that can be done safely.
5. Under no circumstances should the Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club's Smoke Free policy be breached: No matter who the offender is.



### **Sale of Tobacco Products**

Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club will under no circumstances sell or permit the selling of tobacco products on club premises.