

VERMONT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

SMOKE FREE POLICY



Purpose

The Vermont Junior Football Club (VJFC) recognises 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 by VJFC to help protect people's health and safety.

A Smoke Free environment supports the VJFC's desire to create and maintain a healthy and safe family friendly environment. The VJFC believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in protecting the health of our members, 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 VJFC 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 VJFC.

Designate Smoke Free Areas

The VJFC 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
- Grandstands and spectator viewing areas
- Near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground

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Behavioural Expectations

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

- Coaches (when coaching and/or representing the club)
- Team Managers (when managing the team and/or representing the club)
- Trainers (when training players)
- Officials (when officiating for the club)
- Volunteers (when working for the club)
- Players (when in uniform and/or representing the club)

Coaches and trainers will also speak to junior players about the effects of smoking on performance.

Sale of Tobacco Products

VJFC will not sell tobacco products.