



## Smoke Free Policy

The **Maribyrnong Park Football Club** recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke. Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all club facilities, functions, meetings and activities undertaken by the club and will apply to all members, officials, players and club visitors.

Victorian legislation (Tobacco Amendment Act 2013) also bans smoking within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during underage (U18) competitions, training or practice sessions or any break or interval during these underage activities.

### Facilities

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

- The social rooms inclusive of bar, kitchen, meeting room, toilets and storage areas
- Player change rooms inclusive of warm up area, toilets and showers, medical room and property room

Cigarettes will not be sold (including vending machines) at any time at or by the club

### Players, Officials & Coaches

Coaches, players, trainers, volunteers and officials will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field. Images showing officials of the club smoking will not be posted on social media.

### Functions

All club functions including social and fundraising events and meetings are to be completely smoke free:

- Ashtrays will be removed from all club facilities.
- Cigarette butt bins will be provided at outdoor locations for smokers to dispose of cigarette butts before entering/re-entering smoke free areas at club facilities
- Smokers leaving the designated licensed area of the clubs social rooms will not be permitted to take alcohol from that area

### Non-compliance

All club committee members will enforce the smoke free policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which 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 Promotion

The club will promote the smoke free policy regularly by:

- Publishing a copy of the policy on the club website, periodically in club newsletters, notice boards and printed member/player information
- Periodic announcements to members at functions

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoke free policy, and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

The club will actively participate in the Australian Drug Foundation 'Good Sports' program with an ongoing priority to maintain "**Good Sports Level 3**" accreditation.

### Policy Review

The Policy will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Club Committee to ensure this policy remains relevant to club operations and reflects community and regulatory expectations. The policy will be reviewed annually.

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