

Smoke Free Policy

Rationale

The Forrestfield Football Club 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 the Forrestfield Football club to help protect people's health.

The move to go SmokeFree also complements the clubs principles to create a healthy family friendly environment. The Forrestfield Football 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 SmokeFree club. Under common law the 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 SmokeFree dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be SmokeFree.

Who is affected by the Policy

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the Forrestfield Football Club.

Timing

This policy is effective from 2/3/2018

Designated SmokeFree Areas

The Forrestfield Football Club requires the following areas to be SmokeFree:

- 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

Sale of Tobacco Products

The Forrestfield Football Club will refrain from selling tobacco products.

Behavioural Expectations

The Forrestfield Football Club recognises that role modelling potentially has 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 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 representing the club)

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

Promotion of the Policy

The following mediums will remind patrons about the Clubs SmokeFree policy:

- Non-smoking signs
- Club correspondence (letters, , e-mails ,social media etc)
- Announcements
- Table signage
- Function speeches
- Signage

Designated Smoking Area

Due to the surrounding landscape of John Reid Oval is susceptible to bushfire the Forrestfield Football Club to minimize the risk of person's smoking in areas at high bushfire risk to avoid the boundaries of this policy will provide a designated smoking area.

The Smoking area will be provide

- A fully enclosed cigarette smoking bin
- A concrete area that is designated away from general traffic of patrons in alignment with this policy of Designated SmokeFree Areas.
- The designated smoking area will be active only during Senior Amateur Game days only and will not be available during Auskick and junior training and game days.

The designated Smoking Area does not state that the Forrestfield Football Club Condone and supports Smoking. Only that due to the surrounding environment is of high risk to bushfire, to recognise that areas outside the club boundary is not suitable for persons to be smoking.

Policy Review

The policy will be reviewed three months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

