



# GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## Smoke Free Policy

### 1. Purpose

Greensborough Junior Football Club recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- 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 are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

New 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.

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### 2. Scope

The following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors, and other volunteers and/or or staff of the club

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### 3. Policy

- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by the club.
- Coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

## **SMOKE FREE AREAS**

The Greensborough Junior Football Club requires the following areas of the club's Anthony Beale Reserve to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering and eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials. A designated smoking permitted area is located.

## **FUNCTIONS**

- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke free.
- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held away from club facilities are to be smoke free wherever possible.
- If provided, smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.
- Invitations and advertising for functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke free.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE**

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

- Assume that the person is unaware of the Smoke Free policy.
- Polite explanation of the club policy and the VIC tobacco laws 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:

- Putting a copy of the policy in club newsletters and printed member/player 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 social rooms.

- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.
- The Club will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48 and <https://www.quit.org.au/> ) where appropriate.

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

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#### 4. Modification and Review

- The contents of this document represent the current policy and procedures of GJFC.
- This policy is subject to a review every 2 years and will be amended appropriately.
- Amendments will be communicated to members as and when appropriate, to ensure that it remains current.

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#### 5. Related Policies and other documents

- *Tobacco Amendment Act 2013*
- <http://nfnl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Schedule-9-Alcohol-and-No-Smoking-Management-Policy-Adopted-2014.pdf>
- <https://www.quit.org.au/>

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**APPROVAL**

Approved by the GJFC Committee

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President

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