



Mapleton Bowls Club

Smoking Policy

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Responsibility: Management Committee

Relationship to the constitution: Section 48. Conduct of Members

Relationship to other club policies: Disciplinary Policy

Relationship to external policies: Bowls Queensland Member Protection Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette use in the club at club games, special events, functions, and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers, and visitors, acknowledging the role that the club plays in building a strong and healthy community.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club games, special events, functions, and other activities.
- upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors, and partners.
- understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

Scope

This policy applies to all ordinary members, life members, junior members, temporary members, social members and honorary members, and visitors (including contractors) to the club.

Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.

Principles

The 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 on the junior members of our club.
- a smoke free environment:
 - makes smoking less visible and less acceptable and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
 - supports smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
 - helps to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts.
 - can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.

The club will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking restrictions.

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

Policy

Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by our club.

Many young people hold parents, teammates and coaches in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay. Therefore, we expect that coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.

To foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches, and players smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.

Smoke Free Areas

The club requires the following areas of the club's facilities to be smoke free:

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

The only designated smoking permitted area is in the car park.

Non-compliance

All club committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our club policy, and
- directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.

Notification of Amendments to this Policy

From time to time this policy will be reviewed and updated. It is your responsibility to ensure that you review the clubs' policies regularly. We will notify you of any significant changes to this policy either by email, the club website and/or our Facebook page.

Disciplinary Action

The club may have to take disciplinary action against members who repeatedly or intentionally fail to follow this policy.