



# Policy 04 Smoking Management Policy

## **Policy Statement**

Wests Scarborough Junior Rugby Union Club (WSJRUC) is committed to all members, volunteers and visitors to the club and acknowledges the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong healthy communities.

## Principles

- WSJRUC has a duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend any club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- WSJRUC Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- WSJRUC understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.
- WSJRUC 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.
- WSJRUC will provide resources for members wishing to quit, including resources for the national Quitline (13 78 48, <u>quitnow.gov.au</u>), where appropriate.

## Rationale

Ensuring members, visitors and guests at the Club are protected from environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke.

WSJRUC 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.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less acceptable, and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

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- 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 can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.

### Implementation

Smoking restrictions apply across Wests Club Rooms and Bennett Park. All of the Club rooms, building and playing fields are smoke free venues. Signs are installed throughout the club rooms and displayed outside during events. A designated smoking area is located in the carpark behind the club rooms. Smokers must remain at least 10m away from the building.

WSJRUC club will:

- Not sell or promote Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products.
- Require that Coaches, players, officials and volunteers refrain from smoking while involved in any official capacity for the club, on and off the field as many young people hold parents, teammates and Coaches in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay.
- Foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, and as such no images of club volunteers, members, officials, Coaches and players smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.

## Promoting this policy

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- Place a copy of the policy in club newsletters, printed member information and on the Club's website.
- Promote positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.
- Display a copy of the policy in the club rooms.
- Make periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Place non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

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## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

### Further Information regarding this policy

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