

Sample Club Smoke-free Policy

Rationale

The **(name of club)** recognizes that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke pollution is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Smoking can lead to serious illnesses in adults such as bronchitis, lung cancer, and cardiovascular disease. Children can also develop chest illnesses and asthma from exposure to tobacco smoke pollution. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by **(name of club)** to protect the health of all concerned.

The move to go smoke-free also complements the **(name of club)**'s desire to create a healthy family and community friendly environment. The **(name of club)** believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community. Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smoke-free club. Under common law the **(name of club)** has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be smoke-free.

Who is affected by the policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the **(name of club)**.

Timing

This policy is effective from **(start date for the policy)**. The **(name of club)** requires the following areas to be designated smoke-free areas: