

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Purpose

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

Smoke Free Areas

All areas within the fenced area of the Gisborne and District Bowling Club are to be smoke-free which includes but is not limited to:

- all indoor areas
- all outdoor playing/training areas
- all spectator areas
- all catering and eating and drinking areas.

Bowling Activities and Functions

- Bowling events and training, and Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at Club facilities are to be smoke-free.
- Bowling events and training, and Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, away from Club facilities are to be smoke-free wherever possible.
- Smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas outside the fenced area of the bowling greens and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely in designated containers before entering the facilities.
- Invitations and advertising for bowling events and Club functions will be promoted as smoke free.

Non-compliance

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

- explanation of the club policy and the Victorian 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 board members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/people to leave the Club facilities.

Policy Promotion

The Club will promote the smoke free policy regularly by:

- putting a copy of the policy on the website and/or on the members' notice board and/or in the Club's newsletter
- promoting positive smoke free messages through the Club's social media
- periodic announcements to members at functions
- placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains relevant to the Club's operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

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