



## Victorian Amateur Football Association

### Policies and Code of Conduct

## **VAFA SmokeFree Policy**

### ***Rationale***

The VAFA recognises that Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Accordingly, the Association has developed the following policy to apply to all VAFA facilities, functions and activities. This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, volunteers, coaches, players and visitors of the Association when representing the VAFA or attending any VAFA facilities, functions or events.

### ***Facilities***

All VAFA administration and office areas to be 100% smokefree.

All Social / Club rooms at VAFA Headquarters (Elsternwick Park) to be 100% smokefree.

All Change Rooms and Toilet Blocks at Elsternwick Park to be 100% smokefree.

Smoking will not be permitted in any indoor spectator viewing areas.

Smoking will not be permitted on the Elsternwick Park playing arena.

All eating areas at Elsternwick Park to be 100% smokefree.

Cigarettes will not be sold (including from vending machines) at any time at Elsternwick Park.

### ***Functions***

All official VAFA Functions (including dinners, fund-raising events, meetings, social occasions) to be 100% smokefree.

Invitations, menus, etc. to reinforce smokefree status of event.

Ashtrays will be removed from function rooms where VAFA functions are held.

Cigarette butt bins will be supplied at doorway entrances, encouraging smokers to dispose of cigarettes before entering indoor areas.



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#### ***VFAA Representatives***

All VFAA staff and officials to refrain from smoking whilst acting in an official capacity.

VFAA representative players will refrain from smoking whilst in uniform.

VFAA representative coaches, trainers and officials will remain smokefree whilst acting in an official capacity.

#### ***Education / Training:***

VFAA recognises that it has a role to play in educating members about the benefits of implementing a smokefree policy, and will endeavor to provide appropriate information and resources to assist in this process.

VFAA will utilise PA announcements at events / functions to promote the SmokeFree policy to patrons / guests.

#### ***Promotion / communication:***

Signage will assist in the reinforcement at functions and indoor/outdoor areas.

Announcements on match days via public address system and electronic scoreboard.

#### **Non-Compliance Strategy**

All VFAA officials will endorse the SmokeFree Policy on match days and at functions. Non-compliance with the policy will be handled according to the following process:

1. Explanation of the VFAA policy on smoking to person, including the identification of areas in which smoking is allowed.
2. In the case of continued non-compliance with the policy, VFAA officials will use their discretion as to the steps to be taken, which would include asking the person to leave the premises or function.

#### ***Review:***

The policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with Quit.

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