



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB HOCKEY SECTION INC

Smoke Free Policy

Rationale

MCC Hockey Section 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 upon the junior members of the club.
- Smoke-free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- Smoke-free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- 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 are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

Victorian legislation (*Tobacco Amendment Act 2013*) also bans smoking within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during underage (U18) competitions, training or practice sessions or any break or interval during these underage activities.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and other volunteers and/or or staff of the club.

General

- Cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by the club.
- Coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

Smoke Free Areas

The **MCC Hockey Section** requires the following areas of the club's facility at MHS to be smoke-free:

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

Smoke-free areas will be signed and promoted. A designated smoking permitted area is located outside of the Melbourne High School precinct.

Functions

- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke free.
- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held away from club facilities are to be smoke free.
- Smokers may only smoke outside of the Melbourne High School precinct and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering the precinct.

Non-compliance

All club 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

Policy Promotion

The club will promote the smoke-free policy by:

- Putting a copy of the on the website.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club's kiosk.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both outdoors.

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

Reviewing this policy

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

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