



South Upwey Netball Club SMOKEFREE Policy

The *Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC)*: bans smoking within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event or training session. Playgrounds are also now permanently smokefree. In addition, from 1 August 2017, it will be illegal to use electronic cigarettes in legislated smokefree areas.

- **Common law:** the club has a legal duty to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, spectators, players, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.
- **Role modelling:** can have a significant impact on the junior members of the club. A smokefree policy can make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable, whilst creating a healthier and more attractive environment for new members and sponsors.
- **Effects on others:** Secondhand smoke is considered irritating and harmful to the health of other people, even when outdoors. Children may be at risk of swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which may cause symptoms of nicotine poisoning such as vomiting.
- **Smokefree areas:** may support people who are trying to quit or reduce their cigarette consumption. They also help reduce cigarette butt litter and reduce fire risks.

SMOKEFREE AREAS

South Upwey netball Club requires the entire area of our training facility- to be smokefree.

This includes:

- all outdoor playing/training areas
- spectator viewing areas
- car parks
- in vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground

Where possible, the smokefree status of our club will be clearly signed at the entrance to, and within the club grounds.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Electronic cigarettes may be harmful to users and to those exposed to second-hand vapour. In addition, the use of electronic cigarettes may give children and young adults the impression that smoking is a normal or desirable behaviour.

This policy therefore applies to both electronic cigarettes and traditional cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not permitted to be used in any of the smokefree areas referred to in this policy.

FOLLOWING THE POLICY

There is strong community support for banning smoking at public places regularly attended by children. This means most people will voluntarily comply with the smoking ban and expect others to do so. Please note that committee members and volunteers will not be expected to enforce the policy and may not be empowered to do so, although they may still approach someone who is not following the policy.



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When approaching a person who is smoking in a non-smoking area:

1. assume that the person is unaware of the policy
2. politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the smokefree policy

More information can be found at <https://www.quit.org.au/>