



SMOKE FREE POLICY

Purpose:

The Berwick Junior Football Club recognises that passive smoking (inhaling second-hand smoke) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Passive smoking can lead to other serious illnesses such as bronchitis, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, and chest illnesses in children. Accordingly the following policy has been developed by Berwick Junior Football Club to help protect people's health.

The move to go Smoke Free also complements the Berwick Junior Football Club's desire to create a healthy family friendly environment. The Berwick Junior Football Club believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting the club in the community.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide reasons to have a Smoke Free club. Under common law the Berwick Junior Football Club has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian Smoke Free dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be Smoke Free.

Intent:

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the Berwick Junior Football Club.

Guidelines:

Designated Smoke Free Areas

The Berwick Junior Football Club requires the following areas to be Smoke Free:

- Club and social rooms
- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet blocks
- Indoor spectator viewing areas
- Playing areas
- Eating areas
- Grandstands and spectator viewing areas

Behavioural Expectations

The Berwick Junior Football Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club. Hence, the following individuals and groups will refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform:

- Coaches (when coaching or representing the club)
- Trainers (when training players)
- Officials (when officiating for the club)
- Volunteers (when working for the club)
- Players (when in uniform and representing the club)

Coaches and trainers will also speak to junior players about the effects of smoking on performance.

Promotion

The following mediums will remind patrons about the Berwick Junior Football Club's Smoke Free policy:

- Non-smoking signs
- Club handbook
- Club correspondence (letters, faxes, e-mails etc)
- Announcements
- Table signage
- Function speeches

Ashtrays have been removed from the clubrooms to discourage smoking. Cigarette butt bins are provided outside to encourage smokers to smoke outside.

Non Compliance:

Suggested actions are listed below if anyone breaches the Berwick Junior Football Club's Smoke Free policy;

- Assume that the person is unaware of the Smoke Free policy, and inform them accordingly.

Implementation:

All members will be made aware of this policy by fact of making it available on the club website.

Review:

This policy is to be reviewed by the existing committee every two years or as required to ensure that the policy is applicable to the BJFC Inc. The committee can then recommend changes that they see fit, and then ratify any changes to the policy at the next scheduled general committee meeting.

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