



DEAKIN ATHLETIC CLUB

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Smoke Free Policy

The Deakin Athletic Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club and smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable. The Deakin Athletic Club believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

The Deakin Athletic Club recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is irritating and hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Even in outdoor areas, where people tend to congregate, the presence of people smoking can present a health risk to non-smokers. There is also evidence to suggest that smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

The Deakin Athletic Club also recognises that outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean up costs and reduced fire risk. Discarded cigarette butts pose a risk to children's health due to swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which has the potential to cause vomiting and other symptoms of nicotine poisoning.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smoke free club. Under common law the Deakin Athletic Club has a legal duty to ensure that volunteers, members, athletes, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by the Deakin Athletic Club.

Who is affected by the policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, athletes, visitors and volunteers of the Deakin Athletic Club.

Timing

This policy is effective from July 2012.

Smokefree areas

The Deakin Athletic Club requires that all areas within the fenced boundaries of Landy Field, South Geelong, to be smoke free.

De-normalising smoking for junior members

Members of the Deakin Athletic Club are to refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform.

Supporting members who smoke

Deakin Athletic Club will promote the Quitline and Quit courses on club materials.

Non-compliance strategy

The following five-step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the Deakin Athletic Club's smoke free policy:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the smoke free policy.
2. A club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking [or move to a smoking area] and remind them about the smoke free policy.
3. If the offence continues, the offending patron must be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave Landy Field. The most senior club representative present should verbally warn them, and if possible, hand over a formally written letter. The pre-written letter will be pre-signed by the club committee and kept on site so that copies are readily available. It will outline the Deakin Athletic Club's policy on smoking and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then s/he will be asked to leave.
4. If the offending continues, then the patron will be escorted from Landy Field by a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstance should the Deakin Athletic Club's smoke free policy be breached.

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed annually. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

(Taken from QUIT Victoria resource in development)