



Dingley Football Netball Club

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Club Policy – Public Smoking (Smokefree Venue)

Date: 20th May, 2024

The Dingley Football Netball Club recognises that passive smoking, vaping and e-cigarettes (inhaling second-hand smoke or vapour) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers, e-cigarette and vapour users should be protected. 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 the Dingley Football Netball Club to help protect people's health.

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

The Dingley Football Netball Club will comply with the *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic) legislation and the legal duty of care providing to have a Smokefree club. Under common law the Dingley Football Netball 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 Smokefree dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be Smokefree.

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

Designated Smokefree Areas

The Dingley Football Netball Club requires the following areas to be Smokefree:

- Indoor Club Rooms
- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet blocks
- Playing areas
- Any other areas so nominated by club posted signage
- Amended Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC): bans smoking within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event.

Sale of Tobacco Products

The Dingley Football Netball Club will refrain from selling tobacco e-cigarette and vapour products.



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Behavioural Expectations

The Dingley Football Netball 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, e-cigarettes and vaping 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 of the Policy

The following mediums will remind patrons about the Dingley Football Netball Club's Smokefree policy:

- No-smoking, no e-cigarettes and vaping signs.
- Announcements

Non-Compliance Strategy

The following five step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the Dingley Football Netball Club's Smokefree policy.

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the Smokefree policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the Smokefree policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop smoking, using e-cigarettes or vaping then they will be required to leave the club's facility.
4. If the offence does continue then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstances should the Dingley Football Netball Club's Smokefree policy be breached: No matter who the offender is.

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Executive Committee

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