

# ALDINGA BAY HOCKEY CLUB SMOKE FREE POLICY

## **Rationale**

Aldinga Bay Hockey Club (ABHC) 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.

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.

## **Smoke Free Areas**

The Aldinga Bay Hockey Club (ABHC) requires the following areas of the club's facility to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- Spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered) as defined by ABHC
- All canteen, catering and eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials. Sand buckets will be positioned here to encourage depositing of cigarette butts to prevent environmental impacts.

Please refer to map inside clubrooms for designated smoke/ smoke free zones

## Functions

- Functions both internal and external to the club will follow the same principals as listed in this document for regular club activities

## 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 to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

## Policy Promotion

The club will promote the smoke-free policy regularly by:


- Putting a copy of the policy in club newsletters and printed member/player information and on the website.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and 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.

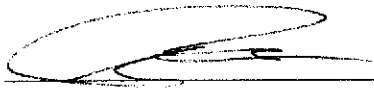
## Policy Review

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

## Signature

Signed:   
Club President

Date: 20-4-2017

Signed:   
Club Secretary

Date: 20/4/17

Next policy review date is **September 2017**.

