

Football South Australia

Procedures and Policies

Subject:	Smoke Free Environment	Date Implemented	April 2019
Review:	Biennially	Date Reviewed /	May 2025
		Amended	

Implementation is effective <u>immediately</u> to all Football South Australia affiliated clubs and associations.

1. Rationale

- 1.1. Football South Australia recognises that smoking is a significant health hazard.
 Promoting a smoke free environment minimises the harmful effects of second-hand smoke on non-smokers and contributes to reducing overall tobacco consumption.
- 1.2. Smoking is defined as the use of any tobacco product including but not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes / vapes), cigars, pipe cigarette or pipe tobacco, shisha, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other product containing tobacco. It also includes products that do not contain tobacco but are designed to be smoked.
- 1.3. Smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of a children's playground in a public area in South Australia, regardless of fencing or enclosure. This includes playgrounds located in parks, schools, sporting venues, restaurants, hotels, and businesses premises.
- 1.4. Adopting a smoke free approach is one of the most impactful public health message a sporting club can share with its community. Outdoor smoke free zones reduce the visibility and social acceptability of smoking and foster a healthier, family-friendly environment.
- 1.5. Legislation and the legal duty of care further support the need for a Smoke Free club. Under common law, clubs and associations have a legal responsibility to ensure that employees, volunteers, players, and officials are not exposed to harmful situations. The Health and Safety Act mandates that all work environments must be

- safe. South Australian dining laws require all enclosed and since 1 July 2016, outdoor dining areas must be smoke free.
- 1.6. This policy applies to all Football South Australia sanctioned training, games, and events. All members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, and visitors that attend events at Football South Australia or affiliated clubs and associations must adhere to this policy.

2. Policy on Smoking

- 2.1. This policy requires the following to be implemented.
 - 2.1.1. All venues enclosed by fencing are smoke free. Patrons wishing to smoke must exit the venue entirely.
 - 2.1.2. Venues without fencing must establish a 10-metre smoke free zone around the field play, junior participants, and all food and beverage service areas.,

3. Non-compliance

- **3.1.** All affiliated clubs and associations are responsible for enforcing this policy. Instances of non-compliance will be managed as follows:
 - **3.1.1.** Initially, the person(s) breaching the policy will be informed of the smoke free requirements; and
 - **3.1.2.** If non-compliance continues, the individual will be asked to leave the venue by an official of the club or association.

4. Policy Promotion

- **4.1.** Affiliated clubs and associations should promote this policy through the following channels:
 - **4.1.1.** Newsletters, E-News, notice boards, websites and social media platforms of Football South Australia and affiliated entities.
 - **4.1.2.** Displaying physical copies of the policy at club venues.
 - **4.1.3.** Public address (PA) announcements during events.
 - **4.1.4.** Visible smoke free signage at all affiliated clubs and association venues.

5. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially to ensure it remains relevant and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Football South Australia strongly encourages all clubs to actively participate in the <u>Alcohol</u> and <u>Drug Foundation (ADF) Good Sports program</u>.

Signatures:

Signed:

Football South Australia President

Football South Australia CEO

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Next policy review date is: March 2027

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