



# BUCKLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB INC.

# SMOKE-FREE POLICY

This policy details the Buckley Park Cricket Club's commitment to ensure its players and supporters to promote a smoke-free environment.

Buckley Park Cricket Club 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 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 thus 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.

*As of April 1 2014, the Tobacco Act 1987 Section 5RI(1) bans smoking within 10 metres (about 2 car lengths) of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event in Victoria. This ban also includes training or practise sessions to prepare for participation in an organised underage sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practise session.*

This policy applies to every spectator, player, club member, umpire, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the Buckley Park Cricket Club.

## **General**

- Cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold – including from vending machines – at any time at or by the club
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related events are to be placed on social media.

## **Smoke-Free Areas**

Buckley Park Cricket Club requires the following areas of Upper Buckley Park to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All catering, eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials. A designated smoking permitted area is located on the southern veranda of the club rooms.

## **Functions**

- Club functions, including social and fund raising events and meetings held at the club facilities are to be smoke free
- Club functions, including social and fund raising events and meetings held away from the club facilities are to be smoke free wherever possible

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***Next Review Date: August 2025***



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- If provided, smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.

### **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 and the Victorian Tobacco Laws 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.

### **Power to Amend**

This policy can be amended at any time by the CoM, if the CoM, is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary, including, but not limited to the discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Buckley Park Cricket Club. The CoM shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of any such amendment.

Michael Moloney  
Club President