

Smokefree Policy

BALLARAT YCW HARRIERS SMOKEFREE POLICY

Rationale

Ballarat YCW Harriers recognises that secondhand tobacco smoke is hazardous to people's health. Non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke. This Policy provides the basis for a balanced and responsible approach to smoking at Ballarat YCW Harriers. This in turn will provide an opportunity to be a positive influence on younger club members and make the club a safe and healthy place for families to play and enjoy athletics.

This Policy will help to ensure the club:

- Meets its legal and contractual obligations.
- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members and others who attend our club and events.
- Upholds the reputation of the club, sponsors, partners and *Good Sports*.
- Understand the risks associated with smoking and our role in minimising this risk.

Accordingly, and to ensure the aims of the club are upheld and that we adhere to tobacco-related legislation, the following Policy requirements will apply to all:

- Club facilities, functions, meetings and activities undertaken by the club.
- Members, officials, players and club visitors.

Legislation

The club will ensure that it is compliant with the relevant tobacco-related legislation:

- Victorian tobacco legislation (www.health.vic.gov.au/tabaccoreforms)

Smoking is currently not permitted:

- In workplace and enclosed public places, including sporting clubs and licensed premises.
- Within 50 metres of red and yellow flags on patrolled beaches
- In vehicles when there is a child under 18 year old in the vehicle

- Within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event, including training and practice sessions
- In outdoor areas of a swimming pool complex that is a public place
- Within 10 metres of a skate park that is an outdoor public place
- In an outdoor area of a swimming pool complex that is a public place

Events

- All junior events will be smokefree, regardless of where they are held.

Non-compliance

- All club committee members will enforce this Policy.
- Any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:
 - The Policy will be explained to the person/people concerned, specifically identifying the section of Policy not being complied with.
 - Continued non-compliance with the Policy will be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken. This may include asking the person/people to leave the facilities or function.

Policy promotion

- The club will promote the Smokefree policy regularly via:
 - Club website, club newsletters, and social media.
- The club will provide information on quitting smoking and where people can get information on quitting and managing cravings.

Policy review

This Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

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18/08/2014	1	KD	Initial Policy Approved

Next policy review date is January 2015