



MOOREBANK CRICKET CLUB SMOKE FREE POLICY

Rationale

Moorebank 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 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.

NSW legislation (*Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*) also bans smoking in spectator areas for the duration of the sporting activity at:

- Public sports grounds
- Local council playing fields
- Major sporting facilities.

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.
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

Smoke Free Areas

In keeping with Liverpool City Council's No Smoking in Public Places Policy (28 May 2012) which states that smoking is prohibited "in, and within ten (10) metres of the boundaries of, sports grounds when sports are being played and other recreation facilities identified by Council", Moorebank Cricket Club requires the areas of the sporting grounds owned by Liverpool City Council and hired by the Club to be smoke free as stated in their policy.

Carparks at these sports grounds, provided they are more than 10 metres from the boundaries of the field, will be considered as designated smoking permitted areas.

Functions

- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke free.
- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held away from club facilities are to be smoke free wherever possible.
- If provided, smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.
- Invitations and advertising for functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke free.

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 NSW 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.

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.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- 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 annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Next policy review date is 30 October 2019.

Date of adoption

Policy endorsed unanimously at MCC Committee Meeting 30 January 2018