



HAMPTON ROVERS

AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB

SMOKE FREE POLICY

Rationale

The Hampton Rovers Football Club recognised that passive smoking (inhaling second-hand smoke) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Passive smoking can lead to other serious illnesses such as bronchitis, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, and chest illnesses in children. Accordingly the following policy has been developed by Hampton Rovers F.C. to help protect people's health.

The move to go Smoke Free also complements the Hampton Rovers F.C.'s desire to create a healthy family friendly environment. The Hampton Rovers F.C. believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting the club in the community.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide reasons to have a Smoke Free club. Under common law the Hampton Rovers F.C. has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian Smoke Free dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be Smoke Free.

Who is affected by the Policy

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the Hampton Rovers F.C.

Timing

This policy was accepted with 'nil' objections at the September 2012 General Club meeting and is effective from 1/01/2012.

Designated Smoke Free Areas

The Hampton Rovers F.C. requires the following areas to be Smoke Free:

- Club and social rooms
- Administration areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet blocks
- Indoor spectator viewing areas
- Playing areas
- Eating and food preparation areas
- Stands and spectator viewing areas
- Near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground



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Sale of Tobacco Products

The Hampton Rovers F.C. will not sell any tobacco products within any event or activity managed by the Club.

Behavioural Expectations

The Hampton Rovers F.C. recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club. Hence, the following individuals and groups will refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform:

- Coaches (when coaching or representing the club)
- Trainers (when training players)
- Officials (when officiating for the club)
- Volunteers (when working for the club)
- Players (when in uniform and representing the club)

Coaches and trainers will also speak to junior players about the effects of smoking on health and performance.

Promotion of the Policy

The following mediums will remind patrons about the Hampton Rovers F.C.'s Smoke Free policy:

- Non-smoking signs
- Club handbook
- Advertising and promotional resources (e.g. brochures, newspaper ads etc.)
- Club correspondence (letters, faxes, e-mails etc.)
- Table signage
- Function speeches
- Signage

Ashtrays will be removed from the clubrooms to discourage smoking.

Cigarette butt bins will be provided outside to encourage smokers to smoke outside.

Non-Compliance Strategy

The following five step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the Hampton Rovers F.C.'s Smoke Free policy.

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the Smoke Free policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the Smoke Free policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them again and hand over a formally written letter that outlines the club's policy on smoking. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave the club's facility. The club's management committee will sign off on the letter.



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This letter will be pre-written and kept both behind the bar and at the ground so that copies are readily available.

4. If the offence does continue then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstances should the Hampton Rovers F.C.'s Smoke Free policy be breached: No matter whom the offender is.

Policy Review

The policy will be reviewed three months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

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