



ALTONA

HOCKEY CLUB

**SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY
OF THE
ALTONA HOCKEY CLUB, INC.**

1: Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette¹¹ use in club venues and at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meet its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

2: Rationale

The Altona Hockey club Inc.; Sugargum Drive, Altona; recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- The club takes a leadership role in the sport of Hockey and aims to be a good role model for affiliated clubs, the community and its members.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact on the junior members of our club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible, less acceptable and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
- 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 can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.

3: General Principles:

Under common law the Altona Hockey Club Inc. has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be smoke free.

Our club will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking restrictions.

¹ The term 'e-cigarettes' includes Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

Our club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist in this process. In addition, the club will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, quitnow.gov.au) where appropriate.

The following policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Altona Hockey Club Inc.

- Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.
- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by our club.
- Many young people hold parents, teammates and coaches in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is OK. Therefore, we expect that coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.
- To foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.

4:-SMOKE FREE AREAS

The Altona Hockey Club Inc. of the above address, designate the following areas to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas (including portable buildings)
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering, eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials. A designated smoking area is located **adjacent to the carpark**. Cigarette butt bins are provided for smokers to dispose of their butts appropriately.

FUNCTIONS

All official functions held at the nominated address, will be 100% smoke free.

5: Promoting This Policy

Our club will promote this policy regularly by:

- Placing a copy of the policy in club newsletters, printed member 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 rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in locations, both indoors and outdoors.

6: NON-COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

ALL CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL UPHOLD THIS POLICY AND NON-COMPLIANCE WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCESS:

1. Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy
2. Assume that the person is unaware of the smoke free policy.
3. An Altona Hockey Club official will approach the person (member or non member) breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the smoke free policy, directing them to the designated areas where smoking is permitted.
4. Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the actions taken which may include asking the person/people to leave the club facilities or function.

7: POLICY REVIEW:

THIS UPDATED POLICY IS EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2020 AND WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY TO ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS RELEVANT TO CLUB OPERATIONS AND REFLECTS BOTH COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

It replaces the AHC Smoke Free Policy

Reviewed and approved by the board of The Altona Hockey Club inc on (October 7, 2020)

Dated: 06 October 2021

**For and on Behalf of its Members.
The Altona Hockey Club Inc. Board**