

WPBA SMOKE / VAPING FREE POLICY

Purpose

WPBA recognises the health risk associated with smoking/vaping, including some cancers, throat and lung disease, emphysema, stroke, and asthma, and is committed to making all sports and activities inside the stadium smoke free. The Western Port Stadium and all stadiums and venues used by WPBA have a firm smoke/vaping free position and believes that a smoke free environment will be advantageous to the growth and promotion of all sports.

Policy

Under common law, all venues used by WPBA has a legal duty of care to provide a smoke/vaping free environment, to ensure that employees, volunteers, players, and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations, such as passive smoking. The Occupational Health and Safety Act stipulate that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment in which to work.

Smoke Free Areas – SRC and all venues have the following designated areas –

- Administration and office areas
- Social rooms
- Amenities
- Café/canteen areas
- All change rooms
- Playing areas
- Adjoining rooms within WPBA
- Within five metres of the stadium entry and exit points

Representatives

WPBA strongly encourages the following members of WPBA to refrain from smoking/vaping while in uniform and/or while acting in official capacity:

- Staff
- Officials, including referees & scorers
- Volunteers
- Representative players
- Coaches & Team Managers

Procedures

The following steps will be taken if anyone breaches the WPBA smoke/vaping free policy:

1. Assume the person is unaware of the smoke free policy and this make them aware of it
2. A WPBA official will approach the offender, alert them of the policy, and ask them politely to refrain and follow the smoke free policy
3. If offender continues to offend then a senior official will give them a second warning and again indicate the smoke free policy and then shall prepare an official letter of warning and outline the smoke free policy
4. If this offender continues to offend then steps to ban the offender from entering any WPBA stadium shall be made known to the person involved in accordance with venue conditions of entry This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to the needs of WPBA.
5. Any fines issued by venues as a result of a member or members smoking/vaping on or in their venue will be passed on to the offending person/persons.

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