



SORRENTO SAILING COUTA BOAT CLUB - SMOKING POLICY

RATIONALE

Legislation and the duty of care provide clear reasons to have a smokefree club. Going smokefree will assist our club comply with these responsibilities and provide a healthier club environment.

- Amended Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC): bans smoking within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event. Playgrounds are also now permanently smokefree. During 2017 this will extend to all outdoor dining areas.
- Common law: the club has a legal duty to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, spectators, players, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.
- Role Modelling: can have a significant impact on the junior members of the club. A smokefree policy can make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable, whilst creating a healthier and more attractive environment for new members and sponsors.
- Effects on others: Second-hand smoke is considered irritating and hazardous to the health of other people, even when outdoors. Children may be at risk of swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which may cause symptoms of nicotine poisoning such as vomiting.
- Smokefree Areas: may support people who are trying to quit or reduce their cigarette consumption. They also help reduce cigarette butt litter and reduce fire risks. Accordingly, the following smokefree policy has been developed by Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and volunteers of the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club at all times.

TIMING

The policy is effective from 31st July 2016.

SMOKEFREE AREAS

The Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club requires the entire area of the club and grounds to be smoke free with the exception of the DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA. Which is located on the entry ramp on the carpark side of the building.

This includes:

- all indoor areas (Victorian legislation states that enclosed workplaces must be smokefree)
- all outdoor playing/training/dining/drinking areas
- spectator viewing areas
- car parks
- in vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground

Where possible, the smokefree status of our club will be clearly signed at the entrance to, and within the club grounds.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS WHO SMOKE

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club may on occasion promote smoking cessation resources such as the Quitline on club materials.

FOLLOWING THE POLICY

There is strong community support for banning smoking in public places, particularly those regularly attended by children. This means most people will voluntarily comply with the smoking ban and expect others to do so. Should a person be smoking in our club grounds, the matter should be referred to the security staff. Should the staff member choose to approach a person who is smoking in a smokefree area, they should:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the policy.
2. Politely ask them to stop smoking and let them know about the club's designated smoking area.
3. Let them know about the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club's decision to go smokefree.
4. If unresolved, refer the incident to the club committee.

SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club will not sell tobacco products.

POLICY REVIEW

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