



NO SMOKING POLICY

Bowls SA recognises that tobacco smoke is a health hazard and the No Smoking Policy was developed to address concerns about the effects of smoking and passive smoke on players, volunteers, officials, staff and spectators, especially those with pre-existing health conditions such as respiratory or cardiovascular conditions.

Going smoke-free is a positive step towards a healthier future for all, and Bowls SA and Member Clubs have a duty of care to ensure that a safe and healthy environment is provided for the game to be played.

The Bowls SA No Smoking Policy relates to cigarettes, cigars, pipes and electronic cigarettes and applies to pennant competitions, all Bowls SA events including State events and to Bowls SA representatives participating in intrastate, national and international events.

No smoking shall occur at or near sporting events involving children and young people under the age of 18. This policy shall apply to coaches, players, trainers, officials, visitors, staff and volunteers;

- Social events shall be smoke-free, with smoking permitted at designated outdoor smoking as per local council regulations.
- Coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers, staff and players will refrain from smoking while they are involved in an official capacity in our sport, both on and off the field.

Member Clubs may resolve to be totally smoke free or provide a designated area for smokers, duly signposted, which is well away from the playing area and clubhouse and conforms to Liquor Licensing Act and local Council requirements.

It is the obligation and responsibility of Bowls SA and Member Clubs to signpost and remind all bowlers, volunteers, officials, staff and spectators that a No Smoking Policy applies and direct anyone in breach of the policy to extinguish their cigarette, cigar or pipe and refrain from using an electronic cigarette or, if available, move to the area designated for smokers.

If a player persists in breaching the policy the most senior official or most senior representative present will be obliged to issue an *Infringement Notice* and advise the player that the incident will be formally reported to the Member Club Executive Board and, if considered necessary, to Bowls SA.

If a volunteer, official, staff member or spectator continues to breach the policy the most senior official or most senior representative present will be obliged to issue a second warning and request that they extinguish their cigarette or cease using their device and leave the Club grounds.

Upon receipt of a formal report the Member Club Executive Board will investigate and determine the most appropriate action as defined in the Disciplinary clauses of their Constitution.

Should it be deemed necessary to lodge a formal report with Bowls SA, the Board will investigate and determine the action applicable utilising the Discipline Clause 21 of the Bowls SA Constitution.

In addition to any penalty or disciplinary action that may result from a reported and proven breach of the policy by a member of a Member Club or a Member Club, who has not ensured that their premises are compliant with the policy and the Liquor Licensing Act and local Council requirements, the Board of Bowls SA may impose a fine of up to \$1,100.

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