

G (vii) POLICY- SMOKING



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This Policy is to be

- prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board; and,
- brought to the notice of members regularly.

Part 1 Introduction

1) Policy Statement

- a) Belmont Services Bowls Club is committed to providing a safe, healthy and welcoming environment for members, guests, employees, volunteers, contractors and visitors. The Club recognises the health risks associated with smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke and supports Queensland's smoke-free legislation.
- b) This policy establishes where smoking and vaping are prohibited and identifies the designated areas where smoking is permitted.

2) Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Protect members, visitors, volunteers and employees from exposure to second-hand smoke; and,
- b) Comply with the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998 (Qld)* and associated regulations; and,
- c) Promote a healthy sporting environment; and,
- d) Reduce cigarette butt litter and minimise fire risks; and,
- e) Ensure Belmont Services Bowls Club remains a family-friendly and community-focused sporting venue.

3) Scope

- a) This policy applies to all members, employees, volunteers, contractors, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors, and any other person attending, working at, or representing Belmont Services Bowls Club Inc.
- b) For the purposes of this policy, smoking includes the use of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vaping devices and any other smoking products regulated under Queensland legislation.

4) Legislative Background

The Club acknowledges that:

- a) Exposure to second-hand smoke is harmful to health; and,
- b) Queensland law requires numerous indoor and outdoor areas to remain smoke-free; and,
- c) The Club has a duty of care to provide a healthy environment for members, staff and visitors; and,
- d) Sporting organisations are encouraged to promote smoke-free participation and healthy lifestyles.

Part 2 Club Policy

5) Smoke-Free Areas

Smoking and vaping are prohibited at all times in the following areas:

- a) Bowling Greens-
 - i) On all bowling greens; and,
 - ii) On all green surrounds and bank areas; and,
 - iii) During all competition, special competition and social bowls.
- b) Inside all Club Buildings-
 - i) The clubhouse itself; and,
 - ii) The bar; and,
 - iii) Dining and function areas; and,
 - iv) Amenities and offices.
- c) Entrances-
 - i) Smoking and vaping are prohibited within 5 metres of any entrance to Club buildings.
- d) Outdoor Public Areas
 - i) Within 10 metres of outdoor spectator seating or viewing areas.
- e) In outdoor eating or drinking areas.
- f) In any area where smoking is prohibited under Queensland legislation.

6) Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas

- a) The Club provides Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas (DOSAs) in accordance with Queensland legislation.
- b) Smoking and vaping are permitted only within the clearly signed Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas located on the:
 - i) North East corner of Eastern green; and,
 - ii) North West corner of the Western green; and,
 - iii) Western boundary of the Club.
- c) The following conditions apply:
 - i) Smoking and vaping must remain entirely within these designated areas; and,
 - ii) Food must not be consumed within the designated smoking areas; and,
 - iii) No food or beverage service is to be provided within these areas; and,
 - iv) Cigarette butts and other smoking waste must be disposed of in the receptacles provided.

7) Smoking Management Plan

- a) The Club maintains a Smoking Management Plan to support the implementation of this policy and to ensure compliance with Queensland legislation.
- b) The Plan identifies the location of Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas (DOSAs), required signage, operational procedures, and staff responsibilities for monitoring and enforcing smoke-free requirements.
- c) The Smoking Management Plan should be read in conjunction with this policy.

8) Respect for Others

- a) Belmont Services Bowls Club encourages all members, visitors and guests to be considerate of others by refraining from smoking or vaping near children, families, outdoor gathering areas, pedestrian accessways, or any location where smoke or vapour may unreasonably affect others, even where smoking is otherwise permitted.
- b) Members and visitors are expected to:
 - i) Show courtesy and respect to fellow members, guests and neighbours; and,
 - ii) Avoid allowing smoke or vapour to drift into smoke-free areas; and,
 - iii) Dispose of cigarette butts and other smoking waste responsibly, using the receptacles provided; and,

- iv) Follow any reasonable direction from Club officials regarding the use of designated smoking areas.
- c) The Club promotes a healthy, welcoming and family-friendly environment, and all persons are expected to support this objective through respectful behaviour.

9) Club Representatives

- a) Members, players, coaches and officials representing Belmont Services Bowls Club are expected to uphold the Club's smoke-free values.
- b) Smoking or vaping while wearing the official Club uniform, undertaking official Club duties, or representing the Club at competitions, tournaments or community events is strongly discouraged and must comply with any rules or regulations of the event organiser or controlling body.

10) Compliance

- a) All members, visitors and contractors are expected to comply with this policy.
- b) Members are encouraged to politely remind others of the Club's smoking requirements where appropriate.
- c) Club officials may direct any person to move to a designated smoking area or cease smoking where this policy is not being followed.

11) Breaches

- a) Failure to comply with this policy may result in:
 - i) A request to cease smoking or move to a designated smoking area; or,
 - ii) Removal from smoke-free areas; or,
 - iii) Direction to leave the Club premises; or,
 - iv) Disciplinary action under the Club Rules or By-Laws; or,
 - v) Breaches occurring during sanctioned bowls events may also be dealt with under the rules and regulations of the relevant controlling bowls authority; or,
 - vi) Penalties imposed under Queensland legislation by authorised enforcement officers.
- b) The Club reserves the right to refuse entry to, or remove, any person who fails to comply with this policy or any lawful direction given by Club officials.

Part 3 Administrative Details

- a) First issued:
- b) Current Version: 01
- c) Approved/Issued
- d) Review: as required but no later than 2029