

Smoke Free Greens



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RESERVE THE RIGHT, AT THEIR DISCRETION, TO CHANGE, MODIFY, ADD, OR REMOVE PORTIONS OF THESE TERMS AT ANY TIME.

PHILOSOPHY

Windang Bowling Club recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is irritating and hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smoke-free organisation. Under common law Windang Bowling Club has a legal duty to ensure that employees, visitors and members are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

Occupational health and safety legislation requires employers keep workplaces they are in charge of safe and without risk to the health of any person. Windang Bowling Club also recognises that outdoor smoke-free areas help to reduce cigarette-butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean-up costs and reduced fire risk.

Accordingly, the following Policy has been developed by Windang Bowling Club to enable players, coaches, team managers and all other officials and spectators to participate in the game of bowls in a smoke-free, healthy and safe environment.

INTERPRETATION

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “controlling body”, “the green”, “the bank” and “the end” shall have the same meaning as in the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls in Australia*.

APPLICATION

This Policy is binding on all Members and has the same effect as a provision of the Windang Bowling Club Constitution. This Policy also applies to all employees and visitors to Windang Bowling Club.

SMOKE - FREE AREAS

The following areas shall be smoke-free at all times:

- The green;
- The bank;
- All indoor areas;
- All covered and enclosed outdoor areas;
- All outdoor dining areas;
- All al-fresco dining areas; and
- Within four (4) metres of any building entrance.

For the avoidance of doubt, clause 4.1 shall apply to any player, umpire, measurer, law umpire, Member, visitor, spectator or any other person, whether or not acting in an official capacity.

In addition to the requirements under clause 4, all outdoor areas shall be smoke-free for the duration of any event held exclusively for children under the age of 18.

For the avoidance of doubt, subject to clause (3), smoking at any organised bowls event at Windang Bowling Club shall only be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.

Events covered under this policy are:

- Social Bowls;
- Visitations by other Clubs;
- Tournaments and Carnivals;
- Championship events (Club, Zone, State, National).
- “Roll Ups” and Barefoot Bowls are not covered under this policy. During these events, smoking is permitted in the “normal” designated smoking areas.

PENALTIES

The following penalties shall apply to any player found to be in breach of clause 4 of this Policy.

First Offence

The Controlling Body shall advise the person of the Policy and the requirement to adhere to its contents.

Subsequent Offence(s)

On the second occasion, the person will be given an official warning by the Controlling Body. The skip of the team and manager/Coach in a sides game shall also be advised of the warning.

Repeated or Flagrant Breaches

In respect of the person or the person's team, failure to comply with the Policy may result in the following:

Social Bowls events, Visitations, Tournaments and Carnivals.

Suspension from participating in any equivalent bowls event for a period as determined by the Match Committee.

Club Championships.

After consultation with the Controlling Body, The Umpire shall declare the end completed and award the opponents the number of shots as the number of bowls used in that game.

On the next occasion, and after consultation with the Controlling Body, The Umpire shall award the game to the opponent.

Zone, State and National Championships.

If an incident or incidents occur at zone or state level or by people operating at zone or state level, the complaint should be reported to and handled by the Controlling Body in accordance with this Policy.

An incident or incidents that occur at the national level, as well as repeated breaches of this Policy will be dealt with by BA as the national body.

Penalties for any Member or other person found to be in breach of this Policy during Zone, State and National Championships shall be applied at the sole discretion of the Controlling Body, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls in Australia.

If the offender is an independent party (not associated with a person or a team participating in the game then in play), then the Controlling Body shall advise the person of the Policy and the requirement to adhere to its contents. If the offender repeatedly or flagrantly breaches this Policy, the Controlling Body shall refer the incident to the licensee to take appropriate action.

REPORTING

Any person may report an incident if they feel there has been a breach of this Policy by a person or persons.

In the first instance, complaints should be reported to the Controlling Body.