**The following paragraphs and statements can be used by your club to help communicate your new smokefree policy to your members, participants, officials and spectators. Don’t forget to contact your leagues and opponents to let them know too.**

***[Insert club name]***goes smokefree

• Even though smoking is banned within 10 metres of underage sporting events, ***[insert club name]***has gone one step further and banned smoking anywhere within club grounds at all times.

• ***[insert club name]***President, ***[insert name]***, said the club’s new smokefree policy would protect children, families and visitors from secondhand smoke and reduces the role modelling of smoking to children.

• “Role modelling smoking can have a significant impact on junior members and a smokefree club makes smoking less visible and socially acceptable to the many kids that play at and visit our club,” s/he said.

• Mr/Mrs/Miss ***[insert name]***said the smokefree policy highlighted the club’s commitment to its players and the wider community and to provide a healthier, family friendly environment.

• “This is a great way for us to continue supporting the ***[insert place]***community and to give both our players and spectators the best opportunity to lead a healthy lifestyle,” s/he said.

• The club committee has resolved that the smokefree policy be introduced on ***[insert date]***. If any members have any queries about the new policy, please contact ***[insert contact details]***

• The ***[insert club name]***will be removing cigarette butt bins from the venue and smokers will be required to leave the venue to smoke;

• OR, The ***[insert club name]***have removed cigarette butt bins from all areas except the new designated smoking area located ***[insert location]***.

• If you would like to quit, or know someone who would like to quit, Quit resources will be provided in the clubhouse.

• Remember, you can call the Quitline at 13 7848 if you would like support to quit.

• ***[insert club name]*** star player ***[insert name]*** said sport encourages health and fitness; smoking just didn’t mix and shouldn’t be associated with sport.

• “There’s no way you can be at your best on the field if you’re struggling to breathe after a cigarette,” he said.

• “If we can promote the smokefree message off-field, young players are going to perform better on field and the whole community will be healthier for it.”

• The majority of smokers want to give up, and ***[insert club name]***adopting a smokefree policy is helping to reduce the amount of triggers smokers face on a daily basis. This can only be a good thing for our club and our community.

For more information, contact ***[insert position]******[insert contact name****]* at ***[email]***

**Please note: this communication template has been provided to clubs to adapt for their own use in raising awareness about the smokefree policy at their club.**