**CLUBS WANTING TO IMPLEMENT**

**EXISTING LEGISLATION RATIONALE**

The *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic) bans smoking in indoor workplaces and within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event or training session. A ‘sporting venue’ includes:

• a playing field

• a track

• an arena

• a court or rink

• any permanently or temporarily erected public seating at the venue

• any seating, marshalling area, warm-up area, podium or other part of the venue reserved for the use of competitors or officials, and any part of the venue used to conduct the actual organised underage sporting event.

An ‘organised underage sporting event’:

• is planned in advance

• is organised or intended for, or predominantly participated in by, persons under the age of 18 years

• is conducted according to established rules by a professional or amateur sporting body or by an educational institution

• may be a one-off event or part of a series of events.

In addition, from 1 August 2017, it will be illegal to use electronic cigarettes in legislated smokefree areas.

Playgrounds are also now permanently smokefree.

Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by ***[name of club]***.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY?

The policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and volunteers of the ***[name of club]***, while an organised underage sporting event or training session is taking place.TIMING

The policy is effective from ***[date]****.*

SMOKEFREE AREAS

Victorian legislation requires that smoking be banned during all organised underage sporting events.

This includes:

• within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event

• during training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised underage sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training session or practice session

• outdoor dining and drinking areas that are within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue. ***[where the club has the means to do so:]*** Smokefree areas will be clearly signed and promoted in club materials.

REMOVING THE SOCIAL NORM OF SMOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

Members and guests of *[name of club]* are to refrain from smoking during organised underage sporting events, including at away games.

Smoking is prohibited in all spectator areas during organised underage events.

POSITION ON ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Electronic cigarettes may be harmful to users and to those exposed to secondhand vapour.

In addition, the use of electronic cigarettes may give children and young adults the impression that smoking is a normal or desirable behaviour.

This policy therefore applies to both electronic cigarettes and traditional cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not permitted to be used in any
of the smokefree areas referred to in this policy.

**SUPPORTING MEMBERS WHO SMOKE**

***[Name of club]***will promote the Quitline on club

materials.

FOLLOWING THE POLICY

There is strong community support for banning smoking at public places regularly attended by children. This means most people will voluntarily comply with the smoking ban and expect others to do so. Please note that committee members and volunteers will not be expected to enforce the new legislation banning smoking at underage sporting events and are not empowered to do so although they may still approach someone who is not following the

policy.

When approaching a person who is smoking in a non-smoking area:

1. assume that the person is unaware of the policy

2. politely ask them to refrain from smoking [or move to the designated smoking area] and remind them about the smokefree legislation.

SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The ***[name of 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.