



# SMOKING AND VAPING MANAGEMENT POLICY

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## Definitions

- **Aerosol** – a liquid or small particles that turns into very fine mist or gas.
- **Electronic Cigarettes** - Electronic cigarettes, or “e-cigarettes” are known by a variety of names, including ‘vapes’, ‘Juuls’, ‘vape pens’, ‘e-shisha’, ‘pods’, ‘mods’.  
E-cigarettes (vapes) are battery powered devices that heat a liquid (called an ‘e-liquid’ or ‘juice’) and are intended to be used to create until it creates an aerosol. The user then inhales the aerosol (i.e. vaping).
- **Second hand smoke** - refers to smoke from another person's cigarette, pipe or cigar. It is also known as passive smoke, environmental smoke and involuntary smoke
- **Second hand aerosol** - refers to aerosol from another person's e-cigarette (vape).
- **Vaping** - The act of using an e-cigarette (vape). The equivalent of “smoking” tobacco cigarettes.

## Rationale

**Frankston District Netball Association Inc (FDNA)** recognises that exposure to second-hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol is harmful to health and the community has a right to be protected. Both smoking and vaping causes lung damage. Even in outdoor areas where people tend to gather, second-hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol may be a potential health risk to those who do not smoke or vape.

- **Amended Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC):** bans smoking within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event. Playgrounds are also now permanently smokefree.  
Under the Tobacco Act 1987, e-cigarettes (vapes) are regulated the same way as smoking, meaning that vaping is prohibited anywhere that smoking is.
- **Common law:** FDNA has a legal duty to ensure that players, members, community, volunteers, officials, spectators, and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.
- **Role Modelling:** Smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free environments reduce role modelling of smoking and vaping behaviours around children and young people. A smoking and vaping free policy can make smoking and vaping less visible and less socially acceptable, whilst creating a healthier and more attractive environment for new and current players, members, community, volunteers, officials, visitors, and sponsors.
- **Effects on others:** Second-hand smoke e-cigarette aerosol are considered irritating and hazardous to the health of other people, even when outdoors. Children may be at risk of swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which may cause symptoms of nicotine poisoning such as vomiting.
- **Smoke and E-Cigarette Aerosol free areas:** Smoking and vaping free areas support people that smoke or vape who are trying to quit and reduces their overall cigarette

and e-cigarette consumption. They also help reduce litter related to cigarette and e-cigarette (vape) use. This also reduces the fire risks.

Accordingly, the following smoking and vaping management policy has been developed by FDNA.

### **Who is affected by the policy**

This policy applies to all players, members, administrators, staff, officials, coaches, players, umpires, spectators, visitors and volunteers of the FDNA at all times.

### **Timing**

This policy is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### **Smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free areas**

FDNA requires the entire area of the Jubilee Park Stadium and outdoor netball courts and surrounds to be smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free. This includes:

- all indoor areas (Victorian legislation states that enclosed workplaces must be smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free)
- all outdoor playing/training/dining/drinking areas
- spectator viewing areas
- car parks
- in vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground

### **Following the policy**

There is strong community support for banning smoking and vaping in public places, particularly places that are regularly attended by children. Should a person be smoking or vaping within the FDNA grounds, the following five-step non-compliance should be followed:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the policy.
2. Politely ask them to stop smoking or vaping and let them know about the Association's Smoking and Vaping Management Policy.
3. Let them know about FDNA's decision to go completely smoke and vape free.
4. If unresolved, refer the incident to the FDNA Staff who should then follow the grievance procedure as indicated in the organisation's constitution.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Board of Management and Managers:

- Ensure that staff, visitors, and contractors are aware of this policy;
- Understand their responsibility as employed staff to ensure the policy is enforced;
- Ensure complaints with regard to alleged breaches of the policy are investigated and dealt with quickly and effectively.

### **Sale of tobacco products**

FDNA will not sell tobacco or e-cigarette (vape) products.

### Further Information and Resources

- For further information about the Tobacco Act see here - Tobacco reforms (health.vic.gov.au)
- Quit support services – Homepage | Quit Victoria , QUIT Line 13 7848
- Get the Facts About Vaping: hub toolkit - Get the facts on vaping: hub toolkit | Quit Vaping Facts

### 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.

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