

POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SMOKE FREE POLICY 2004

The Polocrosse Association of Australia Inc recognises that both smoking and passive smoking is hazardous to health and that non-smokers and youth should be protected from tobacco smoke.

This policy has been approved by the Polocrosse management committee to ensure that each Polocrosse sporting organisation has the right to stop people from smoking in certain areas.

The policy comes into effect from 8 August 2004.

Accordingly the following rules are to be introduced and adopted at all functions under the control of the Polocrosse community at large.

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers involved in functions conducted under the control of the Polocrosse community.

Some of the benefits of having a smoke free sporting organisation include:

- catering for the majority of members and supporters who do not smoke
- reduced risk of legal action from employees, patrons, spectators and participants – especially with regard to passive smoking issues
- reduced fire risk, which may lead to lower insurance premiums for your sport organisation
- a progressive healthy image in your community – beneficial for attracting community support and sponsors
- a healthy family friendly environment that can encourage new members – especially juniors
- a safer and cleaner environment
- reduced cleaning and maintenance costs
- fulfilling local council tenancy and lease requirements
- protecting non-smokers from the dangers of other people's tobacco smoke.

Smoke free areas include:

All office areas

All change rooms

All toilet and shower areas

All indoor areas where Polocrosse endorsed functions are being held

All food vending and preparation areas

Any indoor spectator areas and playing areas

Near youth

Outdoor spectator grandstands and seated areas

Anti smoking approach

No sponsorship is to be accepted from tobacco companies

Where practicable: (Certain hired venues may result in PAA having no control over these matters)

- No advertising of smoking products
- Sale of cigarettes will not be conducted (including vending machines)

Rights of Smokers

This smoke free policy will not infringe upon the rights of smokers. The aim of this smoke free policy isn't to tell people not to smoke – only where to smoke. (Vic Health –Smoke Free Kit for sporting clubs)

Where can I go to have a cigarette?

A good smoke free policy will include a map of the venue that highlights all of the smoke free areas. If you are unsure, ask someone who will know. Smoking is usually allowed in the non smoke free areas on the map, provided that it is well away from entry points, exit points, open windows and if junior sport isn't taking place nearby. If cigarette butt bins are available, be sure to use them to help keep your sporting organisation's venue clean.

Non-Compliance Strategy

Responsibility for the enforcement of this policy rests with the host committee of the particular event.

The following five-step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the **PAA's** smoke free policy.

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the smoke free policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the smoke free policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them again and hand over a formally written letter. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave the club's facility. The letter will outline the **PAA's** policy on smoking and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then he/she will be asked to leave. The club's management committee will sign the letter. This letter will be pre-written and kept both behind the bar and in the club secretary's office so that copies are readily available.
4. If the offence does continue, then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstances should the **PAA's** smoke free policy be breached.

Consider using the following mediums to help promote your sporting organisation's new smoke free policy:

- no-smoking signs
- table signage
- notice boards
- newsletters
- advertisements in event programs
- promotion in direct mail
- websites
- pre and post game/competition speeches
- public announcements
- notice on membership application forms
- distribution of a sheet with commonly asked smoke free questions and answers
- explanation by President/Chairman/Senior Coach to club members
- formal letters to captains, senior players, and other influential people in your sport organisation encouraging them to support the change and act as role models
- be sure to promote the new policy, as silent policy is often useless policy.

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ALCOHOL POLICY 2004

Polocrosse Australia recognises that there are safe levels of alcohol consumption; however excessive consumption can be a major risk to the individual and public health and safety. Polocrosse Australia also recognises the right of every individual to enjoy themselves in a safe, sociable, reliable and legal environment. Accordingly the following rules are to be adhered to at all functions under the control of the Polocrosse community at large.

SERVING ALCOHOL

Only trained servers and responsible adults will be permitted to serve alcohol
The Association will discourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol.
Alcohol will be served in standard measures
The liquor licence will be displayed at the bar.

INTOXICATED PATRONS

Alcohol will not be served to any person who is intoxicated
Intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave the bar area
The Association encourages safe transport options

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Alcohol will not be served to minors
Bar staff will request proof of age where appropriate
Only photographic ID will be accepted.

SAFE TRANSPORT

If applicable the phone numbers for the taxi service will be available
Bar staff are to encourage intoxicated patrons to take safe transport if appropriate
The Association endorses the designated driver program.

THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE

Free jugs of water or have water available
A range of low alcohol and non alcoholic drinks will be actively promoted and sold at prices competitive with those of full strength alcoholic drinks
Tea and coffee should be available at the bar during social functions.
Where possible a range of snacks will be available whenever alcohol is available.

PROMOTING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL

The Association will actively demonstrate its attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol
The Association will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol at junior events or activities
The Association will pursue non-alcohol sponsorship and revenue sources.
Alcohol advertising will only be displayed at the bar.
The Association will not promote alcohol through “cheap drinks” strategy such as happy hours

RECOMMENDED APPROACH

It is an expectation that players will not present for a match if they have consumed alcohol in the previous eight (8) hour period. Match officials will brief players of this policy at the beginning of each days play. Where there is concern over the status of a players sobriety they will be referred to the match committee where they may be asked to sign a waiver to that effect. This applies to all players and match officials.