



# CROQUET SA SMOKE FREE POLICY

## Rationale

CROQUET SA recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the association.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter (reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts).
- Smoke free environments are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and other volunteers and/or staff of the Association.

## General

- Cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by Croquet SA.
- Coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the association, on and off the field.
- No images of volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at Croquet SA-related activities are to be placed on social media.

## Smoke Free Areas

Croquet SA requires the following areas of the Association's clubroom and grounds to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering and eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in Croquet SA materials. A designated smoking permitted area is located outside the fenced / hedged area.

## Functions

- All functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at the association's facilities are to be smoke free.
- Smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.
- Invitations and advertising for functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke free.

## Non-compliance

The smoke free policy will be enforced and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
- For continued non-compliance with the policy Croquet SA will use its' discretion as to the action taken. Such action may include asking the person/people to leave the venue or function.

## Policy Promotion

Croquet SA will promote the smoke-free policy regularly by:

- Putting a copy of the policy in the Association's newsletters and printed member/player information and on the website.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the clubhouse.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

Croquet SA recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoke free policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

## Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Next policy review date is **July 2018**