



SMOKEFREE POLICY

1. Rationale

The Magpies Junior Football Club (the Club) recognises exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke (passive smoking) is hazardous to health, and that non-smokers should be protected.

Under common law the Club has a legal duty of care to ensure volunteers, members, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989 (ACT)* stipulates employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in.

In framing this policy it is recognised the majority of the activities of the Club occur on or near public open space and the Club may have limited power to enforce a SmokeFree policy covering all facilities used by the club. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed to protect the health of all concerned.

2. Who is affected by the Policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Club.

3. Behavioural Expectations

The Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club. Hence, the following individuals and groups are to refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club:

- coaches (when coaching on game day and while training);
- trainers (when dealing with teams or players);
- officials (when officiating for the club);
- volunteers (when undertaking activities for the club); and
- players (when representing the club).

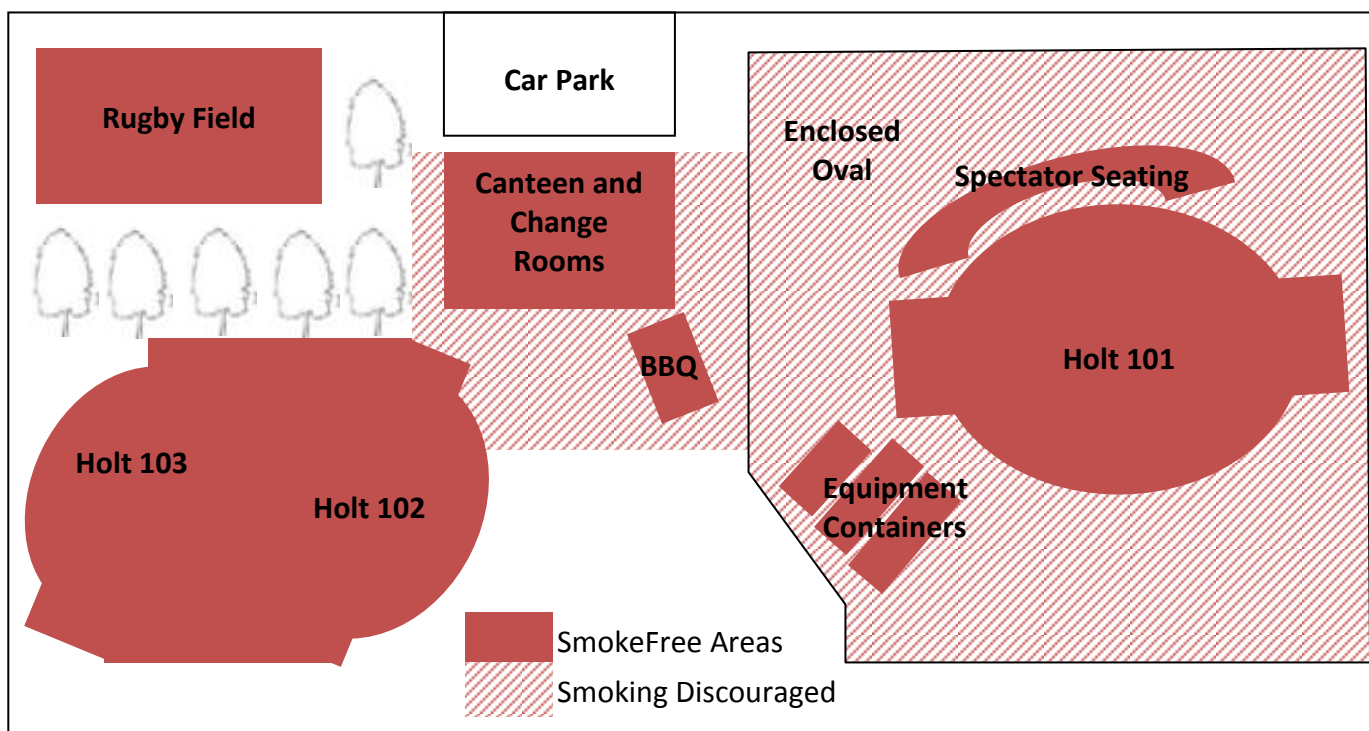
4. Designated SmokeFree Areas

The Club requires the following areas to be SmokeFree (see [Figure 1](#)):

- within 10 metres of the canteen and/or the BBQ area while in operation;
- changing rooms and toilet block;
- playing areas while a game or training is being conducted;
- within 10 metres of the interchange area, team benches and goals during games;
- spectator seating area within the enclosed oval;
- any other designated spectator area, such as temporary seating/stands; and
- in storage facilities (equipment/merchandise containers).



FIGURE 1: Map of SmokeFree Areas



5. Non-Compliance Strategy

The following five-step non-compliance strategy will be followed where there is a breach of the SmokeFree policy.

1. Assume the person is unaware of the SmokeFree policy.
2. A club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking within the smoke-free area, providing information about the SmokeFree policy.
3. If the person continues to smoke in the SmokeFree area, the most senior club representative will verbally warn the person again and ask the person to leave the SmokeFree area.
4. If the person does not heed the official warning they will be escorted from the smoke-free area by the most senior club official and one other club official. The person will then be provided with a copy of the Club's SmokeFree policy (copies stored in merchandise and equipment containers).
5. Repeat offences will be brought to the attention of the Club's Executive Committee.

6. Sale of Tobacco Products

The Club will not sell tobacco products.

7. Policy Commencement

This Policy was passed by Club's Committee on 1 June 2010 and will take effect from that date.

