

Mill Park Football Club Smoke Free Policy

Rationale

As a junior football club, the Mill Park Football Club (MPFC) recognises that passive smoking (inhaling second-hand smoke) is hazardous to health and that children and non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Passive smoking can lead to other serious illnesses such as bronchitis, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, and chest illnesses in children. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by MPFC to help protect people's health.

The move to go SmokeFree around the clubrooms and benches reinforces the desire to create a healthy family friendly environment. This is inclusive of e-cigarettes.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide reasons to have a SmokeFree club. Under common law the MPFC has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players, and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian SmokeFree dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be SmokeFree.

Who is affected by the Policy

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, and visitors of the Mill Park Football Club at Redleap and Kelynack grounds.

Timing

This policy is effective from 01/11/2020

Designated SmokeFree Areas

Mill Park Football Club requires the following areas to be SmokeFree at Redleap and Kelynack Grounds:

- Clubrooms and viewing areas in front of clubrooms
- 15m around player benches
- All indoor areas
- Playing areas
- 10m around Canteen
- Main spectator viewing areas
- Near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground