



ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

Introduction

Smoking causes significant harm to the health of people; both smokers and bystanders.

Bendigo City FC supports measures to discourage smoking and reduce the harm caused by smoking.

This policy applies to players, parents, spectators, coaches, team managers, volunteers and committee.

Victorian Government legislation

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s sporting event.

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

The ban also applies to outdoor drinking areas located within 10 metres of an outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-age sporting event or training session.

Conditions of venue usage

The City of Greater Bendigo Conditions of Hire for the Epsom Huntly Community Pavilion states that smoking is not permitted within the venue and the immediate surrounding areas.

Policy

- No smoking shall occur at or near (within 10 metres of) any sporting event or competition, regardless of the age of participants. This Policy applies to all coaches, players, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators.
- No smoking shall occur in or within 10 metres of the Epsom Huntly Community Pavilion. This includes inside change rooms and toilets.
- Social functions organised by Bendigo City FC shall be smoke free, with smoking permitted only at designated outdoor smoking areas.
- Coaches, committee members, volunteers and players will refrain from smoking and remain smoke free while involved in an official capacity for the Club, on and off the field.

Action

If a person is identified to be smoking within 10 metres of a football pitch when a match is being played between under-age teams, the ground marshal should request that the person move to a location more than 10 metres away from any pitch involving junior players.

If a person is identified to be smoking within 10 metres of a football pitch when training is occurring involving under-age players, a coach or team manager should request that the person move to a location more than 10 metres away from any training activity involving junior players.

Related legislation and documents

- Victorian Department of Health - [Under-age sporting events - smoke-free](#)
- [Quit Victoria](#)
- [VicHealth](#)
- City of Greater Bendigo – Epsom Huntly Community Pavilion: Conditions of Hire

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