

# Marist Football Club SmokeFree Policy

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## 1. Introduction

**Marist Football Club** recognises that exposure of non-smokers to tobacco smoke (passive smoking) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Passive smoking can lead to serious illnesses in adults such as bronchitis, lung cancer and cardiovascular disease. Children can also develop chest illnesses and asthma from exposure to tobacco smoke. Accordingly the following policy has been developed by **Marist Football Club** to protect the health of all concerned.

**Marist Football Club** acknowledges its leadership role in the sport of Football and aims to be a good role model in the Football Community. The move to go SmokeFree also complements **Marist Football Club's** desire to create a healthy family and community friendly environment. **Marist Football Club** believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting our sport.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a SmokeFree environment. Under common law **Marist Football Club** has a legal duty of care to ensure that volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in.

## 2. Who is affected by the Policy

This policy applies to all **Marist Football Club** members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers. This policy also applies when these groups are representing **Marist Football Club** or attending any **Marist Football Club** facilities, functions, or events.

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### 3. Facilities

The following facilities and areas are to be designated SmokeFree:

- i) Administration and office areas
- ii) change rooms and toilet blocks at any **Marist Football Club** sanctioned events.
- iii) Near open windows (five metre radius around open windows)
- iv) Near entries and exits of any involved buildings and facilities.
- v) Playing fields and the area within 50 metres of the boundary.

### 4. Functions

All official **Marist Football Club** functions will be 100% SmokeFree. Such functions include:

- i) Dinners/Social occasions
- ii) Fund-raising events
- iii) Awards Functions
- iv) Meetings
- v) Matches
- vi) Any other event or function

The following mediums will remind patrons about Marist Football Club's SmokeFree policy:

- i) Non-smoking signs
- ii) Web Site announcements
- iii) Newsletters
- iv) Announcements
- v) Event signage
- vi) Event programs and promotion

Ashtrays will be removed from function rooms where **Marist Football Club** functions will be held.

Cigarette butt bins will be provided outside to encourage smokers who smoke in outside smoking areas, to dispose of their butts appropriately.

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### 5. Representatives

The following **Marist Football Club** representatives are to refrain from smoking while in uniform and/or while acting in an official capacity

- i) Committee Members
- ii) Officials
- iii) Volunteers
- iv) Players.
- v) Coaches
- vi) Trainers
- vii) Other Team members or official support staff.

### 6. Non-Compliance Strategy

The following five step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the **Marist Football Club** SmokeFree policy.

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the SmokeFree policy.
2. A **Marist Football Club or event representative** will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the SmokeFree policy.
3. If the offence continues then the most senior official or most senior representative of Marist Football Club or of the Event, 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 facility. The letter will outline **Marist Football Club's** and the Event's policy on smoking and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then he/she will be asked to leave. A **Marist Football Club or Event representative** will sign off on the letter. This letter will be pre-written and kept ready for use at **Marist Football Club sanctioned events with a master held at the Marist Football Club's office.**
4. If the offence does continue then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by committee member and/or a senior association/club representative.
5. Under no circumstances should **Marist Football Club's** SmokeFree policy be breached, no matter who the offender is.

## **7. Sale of Tobacco Products**

Tobacco products will not be sold at any of the facilities or events under the direct control of **Marist Football Club**.

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## **8. Junior Sport**

The following steps will be taken to ensure that all junior sport under the control of **Marist Football Club** is conducted in a 100% SmokeFree environment.

- i) All coaching courses will highlight the importance of role modeling SmokeFree behaviour to junior members.
- ii) All affiliated clubs will be required to have all junior competitions and events 100% SmokeFree. This includes all indoor and outdoor playing areas.
- iii) All junior events and competitions directly sanctioned by **Marist Football Club** will be 100% SmokeFree.
- iv) Well-known players within the sport will be utilised as SmokeFree role models.

## **9. Timing**

This policy was ratified by the Marist Football Club Executive Committee on XXX August 2007

## **10. Policy Review**

The policy will be reviewed six months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter. Doing this will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.