



# NURIOOTPA BOWLING CLUB INC.

## SMOKE-FREE / VAPE FREE POLICY 2024

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Nuriootpa Bowling Club recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is irritating and hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smoke / vape free organisation. Under common law Nuriootpa Bowling Club has a legal duty to ensure that employees, visitors and members are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

Occupational health and safety legislation requires employers keep workplaces they are in charge of safe and without risk to the health of any person. Nuriootpa Bowling Club also recognises that outdoor smoke-free areas help to reduce cigarette-butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean-up costs and reduced fire risk.

Accordingly, the following Policy has been adopted by Nuriootpa Bowling Club to enable players, coaches, team managers and all other officials and spectators to participate in the game of bowls in a smoke-free, healthy and safe environment.

### **INTERPRETATION**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “controlling body”, “the green” and “the bank” shall have the same meaning as in the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls in Australia*.

For avoidance of any doubt, E-Cigarettes are considered a form of tobacco smoke and are included under the Policy.

For the avoidance of doubt, smoking at any organised bowls event at Nuriootpa Bowling Club shall only be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.

### **APPLICATION**

This Policy is binding on all Members and has the same effect as a provision of the Nuriootpa Bowling Club Constitution. This Policy also applies to all employees and visitors to Nuriootpa Bowling Club.



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## **SMOKE - FREE AREAS**

The following areas shall be smoke-free at all times:

- The green;
- The bank;
- All indoor areas;
- All covered and enclosed outdoor areas;
- All outdoor dining areas;
- All al-fresco dining areas; and
- Within ten (10) metres of any entrance.

For the avoidance of doubt, shall apply to any player, umpire, measurer, umpire, Member, visitor, spectator or any other person, whether or not acting in an official capacity.

Events covered under this policy are:

- Social Bowls;
- Visitations by other Clubs;
- Tournaments and Carnivals;
- Championship events (Club, Zone, State, National).
- “Roll Ups” and Night Tigers.

## **PENALTIES**

The following penalties shall apply to any player found to be in breach of this Policy.

### **First Offence**

The Controlling Body shall advise the person of the Policy and the requirement to adhere to its contents.

### **Subsequent Offence(s)**

On the second occasion, the person will be given an official warning by the Controlling Body. The skip of the team and manager/Coach in a sides game shall also be advised of the warning.



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### **Repeated or Flagrant Breaches**

In respect of the person or the person's team, failure to comply with the Policy may result in the following:

### **Social Bowls events, Visitations, Tournaments and Carnivals.**

Suspension from participating in any equivalent bowls event for a period as determined by the Match Committee.

### **REPORTING**

Any person may report an incident if they feel there has been a breach of this Policy by a person or persons.

In the first instance, complaints should be reported to the Controlling Body.

### **REFERENCES**

[No-Smoking-Policy-November-2017.pdf \(bowlssa.com.au\)](#)

[New smoke-free and vape-free outdoor area laws | SA Health](#)

[A+guide+to+the+new+smoke-free+and+vape-free+laws+from+1+March+2024.pdf \(sahealth.sa.gov.au\)](#)

[goodsports.com.au/resource-documents/smoking-law-requirements-sa/](#)