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SMOKE FREE POLICY (QLD)

Fortitude Valley Rugby League Football Club
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RATIONALE

Valleys recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have significant impacts upon junior members of the club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter (reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts).
- Smoke free environments are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

Queensland legislation (*Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998*) also prohibits smoking:

- In any part of sport facilities managed by Stadiums QLD
- At fenced sporting grounds at which persons may consume food or drink purchased at the ground
- Outdoor eating and drinking areas where food and drink are provided as part of a business
- Indoors, if you hold a liquor license.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and other volunteers and/or staff of the club

GENERAL

- Cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by the club.
- Coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

SMOKE FREE AREAS

Valleys requires the following areas of the club's facility to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering and eating and drinking areas

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials.

A designated smoking permitted area is located behind the tower and at the back of the carpark.

FUNCTIONS

- Functions for the junior club, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke free.
- If provided, smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.

NON-COMPLIANCE

All club committee members will enforce the smoke free policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy and the QLD tobacco laws to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

POLICY PROMOTION

The club will promote the smoke free policy regularly by:

- Putting a copy of the policy on the website.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoke free policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

SIGNATURE:

Signed: Danny Walker
Club President

Date: 20/05/2020

Signed: Janice McLoughlin
Club Secretary

Date: 20/05/2020

Next policy review date is [19/05/2021](#)

ENQUIRIES

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