

## East Gippsland Waterdragons Anti-Smoking, Anti-Vaping (E-cigarettes) Policy

### Purpose

The East Gippsland Waterdragons recognises that smoking, vaping and passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking club members and visitors, have the right to be protected from exposure to both tobacco and e-cigarette smoke.

Therefore, this policy applies to all club competition, facilities, meetings, functions, and activities undertaken by the club and will apply to all members, players, parents, spectators, officials, and club visitors.

This policy will help our club to:

- 1) Understand, mitigate, and minimize the risks associated with tobacco and e-cigarette use.
- 2) Meet its duty of care in relation to the safety and health of our members, visitors and volunteers who attend club events and all other club activities.
- 3) Uphold and enhance the reputation of our club, partners, and sponsors.

### Policy Statements

Our Club must comply with Victorian State Government Legislation and must comply with the ban on smoking during organised underage sporting events.

Smoking is banned within 10 metres of a sporting venue and includes training or practice sessions or organised underage sporting events as well as breaks or intervals during the event, training, or practice session.

**Refer to Tobacco Act 1987 - 5R1 - *No smoking at or in vicinity of outdoor sporting facility.***

The following policy shall apply to all club members, spectators, volunteers, and visitors:

- 1) Smoking in this policy includes cigarettes, pipes, the use of any form of e-cigarette device, etc.
- 2) Club committee members and volunteers will attempt to manage, minimise, and remove exposure to smoke inhalation in accordance with this policy.
- 3) Players, coaches, trainers, volunteers, and officials will attempt to refrain from smoking and remain smoke free while involved in an official junior and senior capacity for the club, both on and off the field.
- 4) Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time by our club.
- 5) Ashtrays will be removed from all club facilities.
- 6) Cigarette butt bins will be provided at outdoor locations for smokers to dispose of cigarette butts before entering or re-entering smoke free areas at club facilities.
- 7) To promote our club's reputation of providing a healthy and safe environment, no images of club members, volunteers, coaches, officials, and players smoking at club-related activities will



be placed on social platforms or any other digital media.

**Procedures**

**The Club requires the following areas to be smoke free:**

- 1) Club and social rooms
- 2) Administration and office areas
- 3) Changing rooms and referee rooms
- 4) Toilet blocks
- 5) All indoor and outdoor areas within the confines of any facility used.
- 6) All playing and training areas
- 7) All canteen, catering, eating, and drinking areas.
- 8) Grandstands and formal spectator viewing areas
- 9) Near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground.

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

**All committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will follow this process:**

- 1) Club members and/or guests should notify a committee member of any breaches of this policy.
- 2) A friendly non-confrontational approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our club policy, and directing them to alternate locations where smoking is permitted.
- 3) Ongoing intentional non-compliance with the policy may be addressed by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, potentially including asking the person concerned to leave the club facilities or function.

**Disclaimer/Notes**

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