

# **WEST LAKES BOWLS CLUB**

## **SMOKE FREE and ALCOHOL POLICY**

### **APPLICATION**

This WEST LAKES BOWLS CLUB (WLBC) Policy is binding on all members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of the WLBC and host clubs at events held at the WLBC.

Accordingly, the following Policy has been developed to enable members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of the WLBC and host clubs to participate in the game of bowls in a smoke-free and alcohol responsible environment.

West Lakes Bowls Club (WLBC) recognises that tobacco smoke is a health hazard and the Smoking Policy was developed to address concerns about the effects of smoking and passive smoke on players, volunteers, officials, staff, spectators and contractors, especially those with pre-existing health conditions such as respiratory or cardiovascular conditions.

Going smoke-free is a positive step towards a healthier future for all, and the WLBC members have a duty of care to ensure that a safe and healthy environment is provided for the game to be played.

The WLBC Smoking Policy relates to cigarettes, cigars, pipes and electronic cigarettes and applies to all pennant competitions, club events, social events, including State events held by the peak body Bowls SA at the WLBC.

WLBC recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from this.

Legislation and duty of care requirements stipulate the need for a smoke-free environment. Under common law WLBC have a duty to ensure that employees, visitors, volunteers and its members are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. Federal, State and Local Government Legislation require workplaces to be compliant and to minimise risk to the health of any person.

## **SMOKE-FREE AREAS**

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

1. The green;
2. The bank;
3. All indoor areas;
4. All enclosed outdoor areas;
5. All outdoor dining areas;
6. All al-fresco dining areas; and
7. within seven (7) meters of any building entrance, or in accordance with Federal, State or Local Government Legislation.

**No** smoking shall occur at or near sporting events **involving children and young people under the age of 18**. This policy shall apply to coaches, players, trainers, officials, visitors, staff and volunteers;

Coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers, staff and players will refrain from smoking while they are involved in an official capacity in our sport, both on and off the field.

WLBC **Will Not** provide a designated area for smokers if in agreeance with the Lakes Sports and Community Club (LS&CC) and duly signposted as a Smoke Free Club and grounds, where LS&CC and the WLBC do not have an agreeance, a designated area which is well away from the playing area and clubhouse shall be provided and signposted to conform to the Liquor Licensing Act and local Council requirements.

It is the obligation and responsibility of the WLBC/LS&CC to signpost and remind all bowlers, volunteers, officials, staff, contractors and spectators that a No Smoking Policy applies and directs anyone in breach of the policy to extinguish their cigarette, cigar or pipe and refrain from using an electronic cigarette or, **if** available, move to the area designated for smokers.

If a player persists in breaching the policy, the most senior official or most senior representative of the club present will be obliged to advise the player that the incident will be formally reported to the WLBC Executive Board and, if considered necessary, to Bowls SA.

If a volunteer, official, staff member or spectator continues to breach the policy the most senior official or most senior representative club present will be obliged to issue a second warning and request that they extinguish their cigarette or cease using their device and leave the Club grounds.

## **ALCOHOL**

WLBC also recognises its role in promoting and leading best practice in serving management of alcohol and is aware that excessive consumption of alcohol or interaction of alcohol with prescription medication or use of recreational drugs may influence a person's cognitive ability and put them at risk of harm. WLBC expects that the licensed venue at the WLBC/LS&CC will abide by all licensing laws and regulations, bearing in mind their duty of care to all patrons, members and the community.

Where the premises are licensed, alcohol must be served in accordance with the relevant Federal, State/Territory or Local Government Legislation.

WLBC will support the licensee in carrying out their obligations under the relevant Act.

All playing areas will be subject to the venue's Licence conditions.

While any game/match is in progress participating players, team managers and coaches should refrain from drinking alcohol.

When junior events are being conducted, alcohol will not be sold or consumed during or immediately after junior events in designated areas.

Name of President:

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Name of Board Member:

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Date: