

## ***Smoke Free Policy***

### **Rationale**

**The Woodville Rechabite Cricket Club (WRCC)** recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Senior members and supporters act as role models for junior members. This has a significant impact upon the 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 risks 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.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and other volunteers and/or 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, especially when children and/or junior players are around.
- 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**

The following areas of the club's **Matheson Reserve, Buccleuch Ave Findon Club Rooms & Findon High School** 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 **outside the main entrance to the club rooms on the grass area between the veranda and the start of the playing area. No smoking is permitted under any roof-covered area.**

### **Functions**

- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke-free unless patrons are within the designated smoking permitted area.
- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held away from club facilities are to be smoke-free as far as is practicable.
- Smokers may only smoke at outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.
- Invitations and advertising for functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke-free.

### **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 to the person(s) 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(s) 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 in club newsletters and printed member/player information and 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Next policy review date is **June 2017**