



BELL POST HILL BOWLS CLUB

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Smoke Free Policy

The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club and smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable. The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community. The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is irritating and hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Even in outdoor areas, where people tend to congregate, the presence of people smoking can present a health risk to non-smokers. There is also evidence to suggest that smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club also recognises that outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean up costs and reduced fire risk. Discarded cigarette butts pose a risk to children's health due to swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which has the potential to cause vomiting and other symptoms of nicotine poisoning. Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smoke free club. Under common law the Bell Post Hill Bowls Club has a legal duty to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, players, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by Bell Post Hill Bowls Club.

Who is affected by the policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Bell Post Hill Bowls Club.

Timing

This policy is effective from [start date for the policy].

Smoke free areas

The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club requires the following areas of the club to be smokefree:

- all indoor areas (Victorian legislation states that enclosed workplaces must be smoke free)
- all covered areas
- outdoor dining areas (both uncovered and covered)
- within 5 metres of club building entrances
- all spectator areas during junior (16 years and under) events.

Smoke free areas will be clearly signed and promoted in club materials.

De-normalising smoking for junior players

Members of Bell Post Hill Bowls Club are to refrain from smoking while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform.

Smoking will be prohibited in all spectator areas during junior (16 years and under) events.

Supporting members who smoke

Bell Post Hill Bowls Club will promote the Quitline and Quit courses on club materials.

Non-compliance strategy

The following five-step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the Bell Post Hill Bowls Club's smoke free policy:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the smoke free policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking [or move to a smoking area] and remind them about the smoke free policy.
3. If the offence continues, the offending patron must be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave the sporting ground/facility. The most senior staff member or most senior club representative present should verbally warn them, and if possible, hand over a formally written letter. The pre-written letter will be pre-signed by the management committee and kept on the premises so that copies are readily available. It will outline the Bell Post Hill Bowls Club policy on smoking and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then s/he will be asked to leave.
4. If the offending continues, then the patron will be escorted off the ground/facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstance should the Bell Post Hill Bowls Club smoke free policy be breached.

Sale of tobacco products

The Bell Post Hill Bowls Club will refrain from selling tobacco products.

Club officials will refrain from supplying tobacco products to young people and children.

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed six months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

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