



Smoke Free Environment Policy

Aim

The aim of this policy is to mandate a smoke free environment within AUSC club rooms and facilities.

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1 Background

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in Australia. Exposure to passive smoking is a significant occupational health and safety hazard. Exposure to passive smoking can produce symptoms of ill health, particularly for people with pre-existing medical conditions, such as respiratory or cardiovascular conditions. There is no recognised safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke and other vaping products.

In line with the University of Adelaide's, and AU Sport & Fitness's non-smoking policy, smoking (including vaping) is strictly prohibited in all buildings and parts of buildings (including toilets), as well as those facilities managed by AUSC (boats and club house).

2 Revision

This policy is to be maintained and reviewed by the AUSC Committee.

3 Application

This policy applies to all members and others who participate in AUSC activities.

4 General recommendations

The following requirements are applied to all club activities and social events:

- No smoking shall occur within 10m of the club shed and hub buildings including car parks.
- No smoking shall occur within 10m of club activities, including boats and accommodation.
- Social events shall be smoke-free, with smoking permitted only at designated outdoor smoking areas.
- Visiting persons should be advised via verbal communication that club activities, club boats and club rooms are smoke free environments.
 - Club members may politely ask visitors to comply with this Policy, however they should not get in an altercation if the smoker does not agree.
 - If it becomes an issue, the University of Adelaide Security should be called to deal with the situation.

5 Penalties

Members that do not comply with this policy may have a penalty imposed which could include suspension or termination of membership, and a ban on future membership. The duration of suspension or ban to be determined by the Executive Committee in conjunction with Adelaide University Sport.

Guests who do not comply with this policy may be required to leave the activity.

6 References

Government of South Australia – Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997, available at <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/lz/path=%2FC%2FA%2FTOBACCO%20AND%20E-CIGARETTE%20PRODUCTS%20ACT%201997>

Cancer Council South Australia – *Smoke-free environments*, available at <https://www.cancersa.org.au/prevention/smoking/smoke-free-environments/>

7 Document control

| Revision (Date) | Person | Comments |
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| 1 17 October 2023 | Author: Tim Brown & Jade Bruggeling Reviewed: Committee via FB chat group Approved: Committee (06/11/2023) | Amend letterhead and references to AU Sport & Fitness. Remove references to coaches, playing fields etc. Insert refs to club rooms and club activities. Added occupational dangers of smoking paragraph. Added clarification smoking to include vaping. Added references to latest legalisation and Cancer Council SA |