Risk Management Update

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Smoking Ban in Spectator Areas of Sports Grounds

NSW LEGISLATION

Smoking is now banned in NSW in spectator areas of all sports grounds during organised sport events. The new legislation applies to all sports grounds whether Council, Public or Privately owned and operated.

For further information view the NSW Department of Health Smoking Ban Factsheet

PENALTIES

Fines of up to \$550 apply for breaches by individuals who fail to comply with the new regulations. Fines may also apply to venue occupiers who allow smoking in smoke-free areas as outlined in the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000.

NO SMOKING SIGNS

No-smoking signage at sports grounds is not compulsory however FNSW recommends that No Smoking signs be displayed at grounds and venues to assist in the awareness of the new regulations and to assist with compliance.

No Smoking information should also be included in newsletters, websites and event information.

COUNCIL REGULATIONS

Some Councils prohibit smoking at all Council owned sports grounds and premises through Council policies. Contact your local Council if your club is unsure of the local Council policies applicable to your grounds.

FFA REGULATIONS

The FFA National Member Protection No Smoking Regulation applies to all levels of football:

- a) No smoking shall occur at or near any sporting event or competition involving persons under the age of 18, and this Policy applies to all coaches, players, trainers, officials and volunteers.
- b) Social functions shall be smoke free, with smoking permitted at designated outdoor smoking areas;
- c) Coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers and players will refrain from smoking and remain smoke free while involved in an official capacity for any Governing Body, Club or Representative tea, on and off the field.

For more information visit the

- Football NSW website
- NSW Health Department Website
- Or phone the NSW Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412

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