



REVISED MEMO

To: Clubs, Associations, Branches, Futsal Clubs, Referee Branches From: Michelle Hanley
Re: SMOKING BANNED AT SPORTS GROUNDS – **INFORMATION 'REVISED'** Date: 6 February 2013

Smoking Banned in Spectator Areas of Sports Grounds Penalties apply to Individuals and to Clubs for failure to comply

NSW LEGISLATION

Smoking is now banned in NSW in spectator areas of all sports grounds during organised sport events. Clubs should refer to the information provided in the [No Smoking Factsheet](#) as issued by NSW Health.

Fines of up to \$550 apply for breaches by individuals who fail to comply.

Fines of up to \$5500 apply for venue operators who fail to comply.

NO SMOKING SIGNS must be displayed at sport venues. [Click here](#)

NO SMOKING VENUE advice should also be included in event information.

FINES FOR NON COMPLIANCE

Penalties apply under the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*. Fines are issued by NSW Health to individuals and venue operations who fail to comply with the legislation. Random venue checks will be conducted by inspectors and particularly where it is reported that a venue is non-compliant with the requirements.

Penalties for patrons

The maximum penalty for a person smoking in a smoke-free area is \$550.

Penalties for venues

If a person smokes in a smoke-free area the proprietor is also guilty of an offence. The maximum penalty is \$1,100 for an individual proprietor or \$5,500 for a body corporate (e.g. sport club).

No-Smoking Signage – NOT COMPULSORY FOR SPORTS GROUNDS

The display of Non-smoking signage at sports grounds and recreational areas is NOT COMPULSORY and penalties do not apply, although this may change in the future. It is however recommended that signage be installed where possible to increase awareness of the Ban, even if only at the canteen and clubhouse areas. *This advice has been checked and confirmed with NSW Health responsible for applying relative penalties.*

Penalty for failing to comply with the directions of an Inspector

Fail to comply with the directions of an Inspector. Penalty is \$2,750.

The new legislation applies to all sports grounds whether Council, Public or Privately owned and operated.

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FFA SMOKING POLICY

In addition, the FFA National Member Protection Smoking Policy requirements apply:

- 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 team, on and off the field.

For more information [click here](#) or visit the [NSW Department of Health No Smoking Legislation Information](#) website or phone the NSW Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Yours faithfully,



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