Dirt Karting of Australia

Smoking Management Policy

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SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette[1] use at club premises and at club events, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our associations and clubs commitment to its members, officials, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure all clubs:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club race meets, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our association, clubs, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

2. RATIONALE

DIRT KARTING of AUSTRALIA recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact on the junior members of our association and clubs.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less acceptable and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
- 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 risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts.
- Smoke free environments can help attract new members and positively promote our sport and clubs in the local community.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Smoking restrictions for sporting clubs differ from state to state and are strengthened regularly. Our association and clubs will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking restrictions.

Our association and clubs recognises the importance of educating club members, officials, volunteers, participants and visitors of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist this process. In addition, the club will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, quitnow.gov.au), where appropriate.

[1] The term 'e-cigarettes' includes Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems.

The following policy shall apply to all club members, officials, volunteers and visitors:

- Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.
- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by our clubs or individuals.
- Many young people hold parents, competitors and peers in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay. Therefore, we expect that drivers, crews, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the track.
- To foster our association and clubs reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, drivers and crews smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.

4. SMOKE FREE AREAS

Smoking and Vaping are banned at or within 10 metres of the following areas at any club's premises at all times during an event.

- The Clubhouse.
- Any enclosed building or on any structure at the venue.
- Club owned, hired or borrowed vehicles, plant or equipment.
- The pit area, race arena and red zones.
- Outdoor spectator grandstands or designated seating areas.
- Outdoor food or drink outlets or dining areas.
- Child designated areas, including playgrounds.

5. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

Our association and clubs will promote this policy regularly by:

- Placing a copy of the policy in club newsletters, printed member information and on the website.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through the association and club's social media.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club rooms.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

All AIDKA officials and club committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our club policy, and directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members or AIDKA officials who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club premises or function.

7. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

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