



# CANBERRA BMX

## SMOKE FREE POLICY

### **Rationale**

**The Canberra BMX Club** 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 upon the junior members of the club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- 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 are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members/riders, administrators, officials, coaches, spectators and other volunteers of the club.

### **General**

- Coaches, members, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the track.
- No images of club volunteers, members, officials or coaches smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

### **Smoke Free Areas**

The Canberra BMX Club requires the following areas of the club's facilities to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor areas
- All canteen and eating and drinking areas

Smoking is permitted outside of the club's fenceline, where the fenceline is greater than 10 metres from spectators or riders.

### **Functions**

- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held at club facilities are to be smoke free.
- Club functions, including social and fundraising events and meetings, held away from club facilities are to be smoke free wherever possible.
- Invitations and advertising for functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke free.

### **Non-compliance**

All club committee members will enforce the smoke free policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

### **Policy Promotion**

The club will promote the smoke free policy regularly by:

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

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoke free policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

### **Policy Review**

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

### **Signature**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next policy review date is **10 Oct 17**

