

# **POLICY TITLE: SMOKE FREE and ALCOHOL POLICY**

## **1. APPLICATION**

- 1.1. This Bowls Gr8 for Brains (BG4B) Policy is binding on all volunteers, employees, players, coaches, spectators, visitors, and contractors of BG4B and host clubs at events where BG4B is the controlling body
- 1.2. Accordingly, this Policy has been implemented by BG4B to enable volunteers, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of BG4B and host clubs to participate in the game of bowls in a smoke-free and alcohol free environment during the conduct of sessions.

## **2. PHILOSOPHY**

- 2.1. BG4B is the body responsible for the organization and delivery of events or sessions run under the BG4B banner and recognizes the importance of health and fitness and reducing the exposure of people to potentially harmful situations.

BG4B recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from this.

BG4B has implemented an Alcohol and Illicit drug free Policy to all community group sessions operated as BG4B support groups. BG4B recognizes that at other special events such as Tournaments or promotional events the responsible sale and use of liquor will be permitted.

Legislation and duty of care requirements stipulate the need for a smoke-free environment. Under common law BG4B as the Controlling Body and the host club have a duty to ensure that members, volunteers, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. Federal, State and Local Government Legislation requires workplaces to be compliant and to minimise risk to the health of any person.

BG4B also recognises that outdoor smoke-free areas help to reduce cigarette-butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean-up costs and reduced fire risk.

- 2.2. BG4B also recognises its role in promoting and leading best practice in serving management of alcohol. BG4B is aware that excessive consumption of alcohol or interaction of alcohol with prescription medication or use of recreational drugs may influence a person's cognitive ability and put them at risk of harm.

BG4B expects that licensed venues will abide by all licensing laws and regulations, bearing in mind their duty of care to all patrons and the community.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

- 3.1. For avoidance of any doubt, electronic cigarettes (E-Cigarettes/vaporisers/vaping) are considered a form of tobacco smoke and are included under this Policy.

#### **4. SMOKE-FREE AREAS**

- 4.1. The following areas shall be smoke-free at all times:
  - 4.1.1. the green;
  - 4.1.2. the BG4Bnk;
  - 4.1.3. all indoor areas;
  - 4.1.4. all enclosed outdoor areas;
  - 4.1.5. all outdoor dining areas;
  - 4.1.6. all al-fresco dining areas; and
  - 4.1.7. within seven (7) metres of any building entrance, or in accordance with Federal, State or Local Government Legislation.
- 4.2. Clause 4.1 shall apply to any member, player, official, spectator, visitor or any other person, whether or not acting in an official BG4B capacity.
- 4.3. In addition to the requirements under clause 4.1, all outdoor areas shall be smoke-free for the duration of any Under 18 event.
- 4.4. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to Clause 3, smoking at any BG4B sanctioned event, including social events, shall only be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.
- 4.5. No person acting in any BG4B capacity shall smoke in a vehicle if a child under the age of 18 is present at the time.

#### **5. ALCOHOL**

- 5.1. As the Governing Body of the Sport of Lawn Bowls, BG4B will conduct all events (where BG4B is the Controlling Body) with the safety and wellbeing of employees, visitors, volunteers and members in mind.
- 5.2. Where premises are licensed, alcohol must be served in accordance with the relevant Federal, State/Territory or Local Government Legislation.
- 5.3. BG4B will support the licensee in carrying out their obligations under the relevant Act.
- 5.4. As a minimum, all playing areas will be alcohol free. All other areas will be subject to the venue's licence conditions.
- 5.5. While any game/match is in progress participating players, team managers and coaches should refrain from drinking alcohol.
- 5.6. All officials must refrain from drinking alcohol from the commencement of play until after the end of that day's play.
- 5.7. While the sale and consumption of alcohol in licensed areas around the club is lawful, BG4B may impose additional requirements for these designated areas regarding the sale and/or consumption of alcohol.
- 5.8. When Junior events are being conducted, alcohol will not be sold or consumed during or immediately after Junior events in designated areas in agreement with BG4B.

#### **6. PENALTIES**

- 6.1. Licenced host clubs will enforce Federal, State/Territory or Local Government Legislation with respect to smoking and the responsible service of alcohol.

6.2. The following penalties shall also apply to anyone found to be in breach of clause 4 and/or 5 of this Policy.

**6.2.1. First Offence**

6.2.1.1. The person will be advised by the Controlling Body of the Policy and the requirement to adhere to its contents.

**6.2.2. Second Offence**

6.2.2.1. An Instantaneous Penalty shall be applied.

6.2.2.2. Then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent in a singles game, or opposing team in a team game, or team in a side game.

6.2.2.3. Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the player shall be excluded from taking any further part in that game.

**7. REPORTING**

7.1. All complaints should be reported to the Controlling Body.