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Smoking Ban in Spectator Areas of Sports Grounds

NSW LEGISLATION

Smoking has been banned in NSW since 7 January 2013 in spectator areas of all sports grounds during organised sport events. The new legislation applies to all sports grounds whether Council owned, Public or Privately owned and operated.

PENALTIES

Fines of up to \$550 apply for breaches by individuals who fail to comply with the new smoking regulations.

NSW Health Inspectors and Tobacco Compliance Officers are permitted to issue fines to individuals who breach the regulation.



NO SMOKING SIGNS

No-smoking signage at sports grounds is not compulsory however it is recommended that No Smoking signs be displayed at grounds and venues to assist in the awareness of the regulations.

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

COUNCIL REGULATIONS

Some Councils prohibit smoking at all Council owned sports grounds and venues through Council policy. Clubs should contact their local Council for clarification of local Council policies.

FFA REGULATIONS

The FFA No Smoking policy as contained in the FFA Member Protection Policy applies to all levels of football:

1. 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.
2. Social functions shall be smoke free, with smoking permitted at designated outdoor smoking areas;
3. 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 about no smoking at sport venues visit the

- [NSW Health Department Website](#)
- Or phone the NSW Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412

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