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## Keilor Park Football Club - Smoke & Vape-Free Policy

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### Purpose

Keilor Park Football Club is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and family-friendly environment for all members, players, officials, and visitors.

The Club recognises that both smoking and vaping—including exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosol—pose health risks. This policy aims to minimise exposure and promote a positive, healthy sporting culture.

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### Legislative & Duty of Care Framework

This policy aligns with:

- Victorian tobacco and e-cigarette laws
- Smoke-free requirements in public places
- The 10-metre smoke-free rule during junior (U18) activities
- Occupational Health and Safety obligations
- Expectations of the Essendon District Football League and AFL Victoria

The Club has a duty of care to protect all participants from harmful exposure.

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### Scope

This policy applies to:

- Members
  - Players (junior and senior)
  - Coaches and Team Officials
  - Volunteers
  - Spectators and visitors
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### Smoke & Vape-Free Areas

The following areas are strictly smoke and vape-free at all times:

- Clubrooms and social areas



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- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet facilities
- Playing surfaces and interchange/bench areas
- Spectator areas surrounding the ground
- Canteen and eating areas
- Within 10 metres of:
  - Building entrances and exits
  - Seating areas
  - The playing arena during junior activities

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### Junior Protection (Critical Requirement)

In line with Victorian legislation:

- Smoking and vaping are prohibited within 10 metres of the ground during all:
  - Junior (U18) matches
  - Training sessions
  - Breaks and intervals

This applies to all players, officials, and spectators and is strictly enforced.

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### Behavioural Expectations

To support positive role modelling:

The following must not smoke or vape while:

- In club uniform
- Acting in an official capacity
- In view of junior players

Applies to:

- Coaches
- Trainers



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- Officials
- Volunteers

Coaches and trainers are encouraged to educate players on the impacts of smoking and vaping on health and performance.

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### Designated Smoking/Vaping Areas

- Smoking or vaping may only occur in designated outdoor areas, where permitted:
    - Outside all restricted zones
    - Away from entrances, exits, and high-traffic areas
  - Cigarette butt bins will be provided
  - No smoking/vaping infrastructure will be placed near club facilities
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### Promotion of the Policy

The Club will promote this policy through:

- Clear signage (“Smoke & Vape-Free Zone”)
  - Club communications (emails, social media, newsletters)
  - Member and volunteer inductions
  - Game day announcements
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### Non-Compliance Procedure

If a breach occurs:

1. Assume the individual is unaware of the policy
2. Politely inform and request they stop smoking/vaping
3. A senior representative issues a formal warning if required
4. Continued non-compliance results in the individual being asked to leave
5. Ongoing or serious breaches may be escalated to the Committee and/or the Essendon District Football League

All interactions must remain respectful and non-confrontational.



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### Sale of Tobacco & Vape Products

- The Club does not sell or supply tobacco or vaping products under any circumstances

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### Compliance & Enforcement

- All members and visitors must comply with this policy
- Club officials are responsible for supporting enforcement
- Repeated breaches may result in further disciplinary action

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### Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with:

- Victorian legislation
- Essendon District Football League requirements
- AFL Victoria standards
- Best practice in community sport