



**LACROSSE
VICTORIA**



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RATIONALE

Lacrosse Victoria recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the association and smokefree areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable. Lacrosse Victoria believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the association in the community.

Lacrosse Victoria recognises that exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is irritating and hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Even in outdoor areas, where people tend to congregate, the presence of people smoking can present a health risk to non-smokers. There is also evidence to suggest that smokefree areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

Lacrosse Victoria also recognises that outdoor smokefree areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter and provide a substantial cost saving through reduced clean up costs and reduced fire risk. Discarded cigarette butts pose a risk to children's health due to swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which has the potential to cause vomiting and other symptoms of nicotine poisoning.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide clear reasons to have a smokefree association. Under common law Lacrosse Victoria has a legal duty to ensure that employees, volunteers, members, players, officials and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

[If your organisation employs one or more persons]

Occupational health and safety legislation requires employers to keep workplaces they are in charge of safe and without risk to the health of any person. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by Lacrosse Victoria.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and volunteers of Lacrosse Victoria.

TIMING

This policy is effective from 1/1/2015.