

Smoke Free Policy

The Centre/Region is aware that smoking endangers health and believes that all Little Athletics venues and functions should be Smoke Free. In an open park the venue is defined as “the area inside an imaginary boundary 50 metres from the outside perimeter of the circular track”.

The following strategies have been adopted to promote a Smoke Free environment:

1. Cigarettes shall not be sold at any venue used by the Centre/Region.
2. Executive members, coaches and officials shall not smoke in view of the public or athletes during the lead up to and conduct of Little Athletics events.
3. All Centre/Region meetings and functions shall be smoke-free.
4. All areas within the Centre/Region will be Smoke Free, including: the clubrooms, canteen, changing room, toilet blocks, spectator areas, and competing areas.
5. The Centre/Region will place no smoking signs in prominent positions and remove ashtrays from all no smoking areas.
6. The Centre/Region will ensure that smokers have a place outside the venue or out of public view, where they can smoke, and provide them with ashtrays/bins.
7. Reference will be made to the Smoke Free policy in Centre/Region publications.
8. Regular announcements will be made to ensure that members and visitors are aware of the Centre’s Smoke Free policy. Signs provided by the Association will be placed in the venue.
9. All visitors will be required to observe this policy.

Non-compliance with the policy will be handled by an explanation of the Centre’s/Region’s Smoke Free policy to the person, including the identification of areas in which smoking is allowed. In the case of continued non-compliance with the policy, Centre/Region officials will use their direction as to the steps to be taken, which may include asking the person to leave the premises or function.