



POLICY TITLE: SMOKE FREE and ALCOHOL POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	Instantaneous Penalties Policy Member Protection Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Audit Risk and Policy Committee
AUTHORITY:	The Bowls Australia Board
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
APPROVED:	July, 2017
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	June, 2019

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1. This Bowls Australia (BA) Policy is binding on all members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of BA and host clubs at events where BA is the Controlling Body.
- 1.2. Accordingly, the following Policy has been developed by BA to enable members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of BA and host clubs to participate in the game of bowls in a smoke-free and alcohol responsible environment.
- 1.3. This policy may be adopted by State and Territory Associations (STAs) and by clubs and by districts/zones/region associations.

2. PHILOSOPHY

- 2.1. BA is the peak body responsible for the sport of Bowls in Australia and recognises the importance of health and fitness and reducing the exposure of members to potentially harmful situations.

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

Legislation and duty of care requirements stipulate the need for a smoke-free environment. Under common law BA as the Controlling Body and the host club have a duty to ensure that employees, visitors, volunteers and members 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.

BA 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. BA also recognises its role in promoting and leading best practice in serving management of alcohol. BA 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.

BA 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. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "Controlling Body", "the green" and "the bank" shall have the same meaning as in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition).
- 3.2. For avoidance of any doubt, E-Cigarettes 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 bank;
 - 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 BA 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 BA sanctioned event, including social events, shall only be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.
- 4.5. No person acting in any BA 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, BA will conduct all events (where BA 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. BA 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, BA 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 BA.

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. The person will be given an official warning by the Controlling Body.

6.2.2.2. In respect of the person or the person's team's failure to comply with the Policy, this may result in a forfeit of the game(s) in question from the time of the subsequent offence, to be applied at the sole discretion of the Controlling Body; or

6.2.2.3. If the offender is an independent party (not associated with a person or a team participating in the game then in play), then the Controlling Body shall advise the licensee to take appropriate action.

6.2.3. Repeated or Flagrant Breaches

6.2.3.1. If a person repeatedly or flagrantly breaches this Policy they may be referred to the BA Jury of Appeal.

6.2.3.2. Any penalty imposed under this Policy by the BA Jury of Appeal shall be final and is not subject to appeal under the BA Constitution or any other current BA Policy.

7. REPORTING

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