

Seaford United Soccer Club Smoking and Vaping Policy



Definitions

- **Aerosol** – a liquid or small particles that turns into very fine mist or gas.
- **Electronic Cigarettes** - Electronic cigarettes, or “e-cigarettes” are known by a variety of names, including ‘vapes’, ‘Juuls’, ‘vape pens’, ‘e-shisha’, ‘pods’, ‘mods’.
E-cigarettes are battery powered devices that heat a liquid (called an ‘e-liquid’ or ‘juice’) until it aerosolises. The user then inhales the aerosol.
- **Second hand smoke** - refers to smoke from another person’s cigarette, pipe or cigar. It is also known as passive smoke, environmental smoke and involuntary smoke
- **Second hand aerosol** - refers to aerosol from another person’s e-cigarette (vape).
- **Vaping** - The act of using an e-cigarette (vape). The equivalent of “smoking” tobacco cigarettes.

Rationale

Seaford United Soccer Club recognises that exposure to second-hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol is harmful to health and the community has a right to be protected. E-cigarettes (vapes) are battery powered devices that are intended to be used to create an aerosol for inhalation (i.e. vaping). Both smoking and vaping causes lung damage. Even in outdoor areas where people tend to gather, second-hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol is a potential health risk to those who do not smoke or vape.

- **Amended Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC)**: bans smoking within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during an organised underage sporting event. Playgrounds are also now permanently smokefree.
Under the Tobacco Act 1987, e-cigarettes (vapes) are regulated the same way as smoking, meaning that vaping is prohibited anywhere that smoking is.
- **Common law**: Seaford United Soccer Club has a legal duty to ensure that players, members, community, volunteers, officials, spectators, and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.
- **Role Modelling**: Smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free environments reduce role modelling of unhealthy behaviours around children and young people. A smoking and vaping free policy can make smoking and vaping less visible and less socially acceptable, whilst creating a healthier and more attractive environment for new and current players, members, community, volunteers, officials, visitors, and sponsors.
- **Effects on others**: Second-hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol are considered irritating and hazardous to the health of other people, even when outdoors. Children may be at risk of swallowing discarded cigarette butts, which may cause symptoms of nicotine poisoning such as vomiting.
- **Smoke and E-Cigarette Aerosol free areas**: Smoking and vaping free areas support people that smoke or vape who are trying to quit and reduces their overall cigarette and e-cigarette (vape) consumption. They also help reduce litter related to cigarette and e-cigarette (vape) use. This also reduces the fire risks.

Accordingly, the following smoking and vaping management policy has been developed by Seaford United Soccer Club.

Who is affected by the policy

This policy applies to all players, members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and volunteers of the Seaford United Soccer Club at all times.

Timing

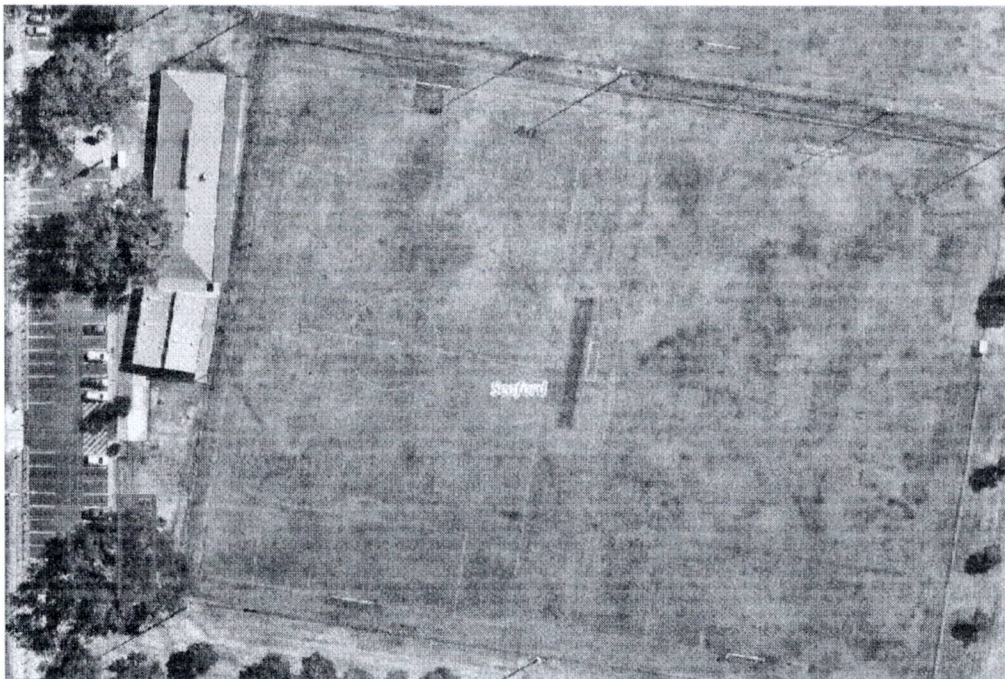
This policy is effective from **April 1st 2024**

Smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free areas

Seaford United Soccer Club requires the entire grounds and facilities at Seaford North Reserve to be smoking and vaping free. This includes:

- all indoor areas (Victorian legislation states that enclosed workplaces must be smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free)
- all outdoor playing/training/dining/drinking areas
- spectator viewing areas
- car parks
- in vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground

During senior matches, practices or functions a single designated smoking and vaping area will be located at the far right of the club rooms. Please note, location has been selected as it is away from club room entrances, walk ways, off the fence-line and main viewing areas in attempt to reduce the impact of second hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol.





In the event where juniors and seniors are using the facility at the same time, patrons must comply with the junior policy in being totally smoking and vaping free (no designated smoking and vaping area).

The designated smoking and vaping area will be strategically placed to ensure compliance with all legislation and will be clearly signed. Those who smoke and vape must use the designated area. Having clearly marked smoking and vaping free areas allow all patrons to enjoy a smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free environment at **Seaford United Soccer Club**.

Smoke and e-cigarette aerosol free areas will be promoted in club materials.



Following the policy

There is strong community support for banning smoking and vaping in public places, particularly places that are regularly attended by children. Should a person be smoking or vaping within the **Seaford United Soccer Club** grounds, the following five-step non-compliance should be followed:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the policy.
2. Politely ask them to stop smoking or vaping and let them know about the club's Smoking and Vaping Management Policy.
3. Let them know about **Seaford United Soccer Club's** decision of a designated smoking and vaping area free during senior club activities.
4. Direct them to the designated smoking and vaping area.
5. If unresolved, refer the incident to the club committee who should then follow the grievance procedure as indicated in the organisations constitution.