

## Appendix 5

(Rule 25.1)

### Albion Park Soccer Club Inc.



#### Smoking Policy

##### Rationale

**Albion Park Soccer Club Inc.** recognises that Shellharbour City Council has declared that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 all of Council grounds are Smoke Free Zones. These zones have been put in place to improve local community and environmental health.

Smoking and passive smoking can cause many diseases such as lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, asthma and bronchitis. Tobacco smoke is particularly harmful to children who have more fragile respiratory systems and are not always able to avoid the source of the smoke. Passive smoking in children may lead to ear, nose, throat and chest infections, asthma, Respiratory illnesses such as bronchitis and pneumonia and also increases the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Our Smoke Free Policy protects the health of our club members and creates a cleaner environment in which everyone can benefit from.

##### Those affected by the Policy

The Policy applies to all Club Members, Officials, Coaches, Trainers, Volunteers, Players and Spectators of the **Albion Park Soccer Club Inc** and Visitors.

##### Policy details

The **Albion Park Soccer Club Inc.** Smoke Free Policy is effective from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2009**.

Smoking is no longer permitted in the following areas:

- All outdoor playing/training areas
- Spectator viewing areas
- Car parks
- Toilet blocks and change rooms
- In and around the canteen
- Club rooms

##### Non-compliance strategy

The following non-compliance strategy is to be implemented when there is a breach of the Smoke Free Policy:

1. Always assume that the individual is unaware that they are smoking in a Smoke Free Zone.
2. A senior club representative will approach the individual and politely inform them that they are in a Smoke Free Zone and ask them to stop smoking.
3. If the offence continues, a senior club representative will verbally warn the individual again. The individual will be asked to leave the Smoke Free Zone if they wish to continue to smoke.
4. If the offence still continues, matter to be referred to the Club Executive in accordance of the Club Rules.

***Club representatives should remain calm and polite at all times.***