

Victorian Weightlifting Association (VWA)

Smoke Free Policy

Rationale

The VWA recognises that environmental tobacco smoke is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Accordingly, the Association has developed the following policy to apply to all VWA facilities, clubs, functions and activities from 1st December 2001. This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the Association when representing the VWA or attending any VWA facility, club, function or event.

Facilities:

All VWA administration and office areas to be 100% smoke free.

All Social / Club rooms at Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium to be 100% smoke free

All change rooms and toilet block at Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium to be 100% smoke free.

Smoking will not be permitted in any spectator viewing area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any competition area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any training area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any warm up area.

All eating areas at the Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium to be 100% smoke free.

Cigarettes and tobacco products will not be sold (including from vending machines) at any time at the Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium.

Clubs:

All VWA affiliated club administration and office areas to be 100% smoke free.

All Social / Club rooms at VWA affiliated clubs to be 100% smoke free

All change rooms and toilet block at VWA affiliated clubs to be 100% smoke free.

Smoking will not be permitted in any spectator viewing area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any competition area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any training area.

Smoking will not be permitted in any warm up area.

All eating areas at the VWA affiliated clubs to be 100% smoke free.

Cigarettes and tobacco products will not be sold (including from vending machines) at any time at any VWA affiliated club.

Functions:

All official VWA functions (including dinners, fund raising events, meetings, social occasions) to be 100% smoke free.

Invitations, menus etc. to reinforce the smoke free status of the event.

Ashtrays will be removed from function rooms where VWA functions are held.

Cigarette butt bins will be supplied at the doorway entrances, encouraging smokers to dispose responsibly of cigarettes before entering indoor areas.

VWA Representatives

All VWA staff and officials to refrain from smoking whilst acting in an official capacity.
VWA representative athletes will refrain from smoking whilst in uniform or representing the VWA in an official capacity.

VWA representative coaches, medical staff and officials will refrain from smoking whilst acting in an official capacity.

Education / Training

Education sessions will be conducted in consultation with VicHealth and Quit for junior coaches and athletes in line with VicHealth policy, direction and training modules.

There is an overall commitment for all VWA affiliated clubs to be 100% smoke free by June 2002.

Major media release to launch the policy

Promotion / Communication

All VWA officials will police the above policy at competitions, training and at all functions.

Signage will assist in the reinforcement at functions and competition and training areas, Announcements on competitions days via public address and electronic scoreboard.

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with QUIT.