

**PONY CLUB VICTORIA INC (A13413S)  
SMOKE FREE POLICY**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to outline Pony Club Victoria's (PCV)s position and obligation to its members when conducting activities and sporting events at venues and outdoor recreational areas regarding smoking, vaping and use of electronic cigarettes during sporting events where people under the age of 18 may attend.

**RATIONALE**

PCV recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco and other smoke. Legislation and the legal duty of care provide clear reasons to have a completely smoke-free organisation. This policy is in line with the Tobacco Act 1987 Victoria which prohibits smoking within outdoor public sporting venues during an organised underage sporting event or training session. It is also illegal to use electronic cigarettes and vaping devices in legislated smoke-free areas.

**APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all PCV members, Clubs, Zones, administrators, officials, coaches, riders, participants, visitors, volunteers and employees. This policy also applies when any of these listed individuals are representing PCV or attending any PCV facilities, functions, or events.

**POLICY**

The PCV policy requires the entire grounds where pony club activities are being held to be smoke-free. This includes:

- all indoor areas and outdoor playing/training/dining/drinking areas
- spectator viewing areas
- Cars, floats and all other vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground
- all social functions (including junior events, competitions, rallies, dinners, fund raising events and meetings of the organisation) to be smoke free.
- Coaches, trainers, volunteers, staff and other officials must refrain from smoking while acting in an official capacity.
- Riders to refrain from smoking while in uniform.
- Where possible, the smoke-free status of PCV clubs will be clearly signed at the entrance to, and within the club grounds.

**NON-COMPLIANCE**

Failure to comply with any requests to adhere with this policy will result in disciplinary action which includes removal of a person from the sporting grounds/recreational reserve of any PCV affiliated activity that is being held. This action may also have an unfavorable consequence to any rider under the age of 18 who is being supervised by an adult who does not comply with PCV policy regarding smoking on the grounds at a PCV affiliated activity.

Note: Non-compliance could place PCV in jeopardy for Government funding.

**DOCUMENT OWNER**

PCV General Manager

**REFERENCES**

1. <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco-reform/smoke-free-and-vape-free-areas>
2. PONY CLUB VICTORIA - SMOKEFREE POLICY - VJUNE2021
3. *The Tobacco Act VIC (1987)*

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**REVIEW DATE** – 2 years following adoption

This policy will otherwise be reviewed where there are further amendments in *The Tobacco Act (1987)* or any other smoke-free legislation.

**POLICY VERSION TABLE**

<b>VERSION</b>	<b>AUTHORISATION</b>	<b>REVIEW DATE</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Implementation version	PCAV State Council	VAPR2001	17 APR 2001
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