



POLICY TITLE: **Smoke Free and Alcohol Policy**

RELATED POLICIES:	Bowls Australia Instantaneous Penalties Policy Bowls Australia Member Protection Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORITY:	Chief Executive Officer
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
APPROVED:	August 2023
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1. APPLICATION

- 1.1. This Bowls Tasmania (BTAS) Policy is binding on all members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of BTAS and host clubs at events where BTAS is the Controlling Body.
- 1.2. Accordingly, the following Policy has been developed by BTAS to enable members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors of BTAS 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 BTAS regional associations and clubs.

2. PHILOSOPHY

- 2.1 BTAS is the peak body responsible for the sport of lawn bowls in Tasmania and recognises the importance of health and fitness and reducing the exposure of members to potentially harmful situations.
- 2.2 BTAS 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 BTAS as the Controlling Body and the host club have a duty to ensure that members, employees, players, coaches, officials, spectators, visitors and contractors 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.
- 2.3 BTAS 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.
- 2.4 BTAS also recognises its role in promoting and leading best practice in serving and management of alcohol. BTAS 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.
- 2.5 BTAS expects that bowls club 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 4th Edition, April 2023.
- 3.2. For avoidance of any doubt, electronic cigarettes (E-Cigarettes/vaporisers/vaping) are considered a form of tobacco smoke and are included under this Policy.

4. SMOKE-FREE AREAS

- 4.1. Within twenty (20) metres of 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. any building entrance.
- 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 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 events.
- 4.4. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to Clause 3, smoking at any BTAS sanctioned event, including social events, shall only be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.
- 4.5. No person acting in any BTAS capacity shall smoke in a vehicle if a child under the age of eighteen is present at the time.

5. ALCOHOL

- 5.1 BTAS will conduct all events (where BTAS 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. BTAS 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 license 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, BTAS 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 BTAS.

6. PENALTIES

- 6.1. Licensed host clubs will enforce Federal, State/Territory or Local Government legislation with respect to smoking.
- 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. An Instantaneous Penalty shall be applied.
- 6.2.2.2. Then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent in a singles game, or opposing team in a team game, or team in a side game.
- 6.2.2.3. Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the player shall be excluded from taking any further part in that game.

7. REPORTING

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

8. SIGNAGE

- 8.1 No Smoking signage for copying and placing within the clubs is attached.



**NO
SMOKING
WITHIN 20 METRES
OF SPORTS COMPETITION
OR SEATING AREAS**

Penalties Apply