

South Australian Amateur Wrestling Association SMOKE FREE POLICY 2006

The South Australian Amateur Wrestling Association (SAAWA Inc) recognises that both smoking and passive smoking is hazardous to health and that non-smokers and youth should be protected from tobacco smoke.

This policy has been approved by the Association Management Committee to ensure that each Wrestling club has the right to stop people from smoking in certain areas.

The policy comes into effect from 20th April 2006.

Accordingly the following rules are to be introduced and adopted at all functions under the control of the Wrestling community at large.

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers involved in functions conducted under the control of the Wrestling community.

Some of the benefits of having a smoke free sporting organisation include:

- catering for the majority of members and supporters who do not smoke
- reduced risk of legal action from employees, patrons, spectators and participants – especially with regard to passive smoking issues
- reduced fire risk, which may lead to lower insurance premiums for your sport organisation
- a progressive healthy image in your community – beneficial for attracting community support and sponsors
- a healthy family friendly environment that can encourage new members – especially juniors
- a safer and cleaner environment
- reduced cleaning and maintenance costs
- fulfilling local council tenancy and lease requirements
- protecting non-smokers from the dangers of other people's tobacco smoke.

Smoke free areas include:

All office areas

All change rooms

All toilet and shower areas

All indoor areas where Wrestling endorsed functions are being held

All food vending and preparation areas

Any indoor spectator areas and playing areas

Near youth

Outdoor spectator grandstands and seated areas

Anti smoking approach

No sponsorship is to be accepted from tobacco companies

Where practicable: (Certain hired venues may result in the SAAWA having no control over these matters)

- No advertising of smoking products
- Sale of cigarettes will not be conducted (including vending machines)

Rights of Smokers

This smoke free policy will not infringe upon the rights of smokers. The aim of this smoke free policy isn't to tell people not to smoke – only where to smoke.

Where can I go to have a cigarette?

A good smoke free policy will include a map of the venue that highlights all of the smoke free areas. If you are unsure, ask someone who will know. Smoking is usually allowed in the non smoke free areas on the map, provided that it is well away from entry points, exit points, open windows and if junior sport isn't taking place nearby. If cigarette butt bins are available, be sure to use them to help keep your sporting organisation's venue clean.

Non-Compliance Strategy

Responsibility for the enforcement of this policy rests with the club or host committee of a particular event.

The following five-step non-compliance strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the SAAWA's smoke free policy.

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the smoke free policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the smoke free policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them again and hand over a formally written letter. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop smoking then they will be required to leave the club's facility. The letter will outline the SAAWA's policy on smoking and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then he/she will be asked to leave. The club's management committee will sign the letter. This letter will be pre-written and kept at the club office so that copies are readily available.
4. If the offence does continue, then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.
5. Under no circumstances should the SAAWA's smoke free policy be breached.

Consider using the following mediums to help promote your sporting organisation's new smoke free policy:

- no-smoking signs
- table signage
- notice boards
- newsletters
- advertisements in event programs
- promotion in direct mail
- websites
- pre and post game/competition speeches
- public announcements
- notice on membership application forms
- distribution of a sheet with commonly asked smoke free questions and answers
- explanation by President/Chairman/Senior Coach to club members
- formal letters to captains, senior players, and other influential people in your sport
- organisation encouraging them to support the change and act as role models
- be sure to promote the new policy, as silent policy is often useless policy.