

# Pony Club Queensland

## Smoke Free Policy

*Adopted 6th April 2006*

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### **Introduction / Overview**

The Pony Club Association of Qld Inc. recognises the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. Smoking and passive smoking is hazardous to health and can cause or contribute to many diseases.

### **Purpose / Aim**

Laws are in place in Queensland to protect non-smokers, as well as create a culture that reduces exposure to second-hand smoke, supports smokers trying to quit and discourages children from taking up the habit. These laws come under the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998 and the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Regulations 2021.

### **Application of the Policy**

To be compliant with legislation the following policy adopted by PCAQ applies to all Members State, Zones and Clubs, Venues/areas.

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, riders and visitors of the Club, Zone and State.

### **Policy**

This policy in addition to current legislation will consist of:

1. Administration, dining, eating and office area to be smoke/vape free.
2. Change rooms and toilets to be smoke/vape free.
3. All smoking products, including electronic cigarettes not to be sold (including from vending machines).
4. Smoking/vaping not to be permitted in indoor spectator viewing and riding areas.
5. Smoke/vape free within 10 metres of viewing and playing areas (riding arena) also during training and at any intervals or breaks.
6. Smoke and/or vape free within 10 metres of outdoor spectator grandstands, public seating and any other area reserved for use by the competitors and the officials.
7. That all indoor social functions of the organisation should be smoke/vape free.
8. Volunteers and officials should refrain from smoking/vaping while they are acting in an official capacity.
9. Coaches and trainers to refrain from smoking/vaping whilst acting in their official capacity.
10. Riders to refrain from smoking/vaping while in uniform.
11. **Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 under 18 organised outdoor recreational events must be smoke-free.**

### **The following to be noted:**

- Under legislation smoking is banned within 10 metres of viewing and playing areas (riding arena) at organised under 18 sporting events. The ban also applies during training and at any intervals or breaks in play.
- The coverage of the ban includes the sporting ground or playing area, public seating at the grounds and any other area reserved for use by the competitors and the officials. This also includes a 10 metre non-smoking buffer zone from all of these locations
- An organised under 18 sporting event is one that is arranged in advance and is conducted by a professional or amateur sporting body or education institution according to established rules.
- Smoke free buffer increases to 5 metres at all non-residential building entrances.



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**Electronic Cigarettes also known as e-cigarette, e-cigar, vape pens or personal vaporisers are now subject to the same laws as regular cigarettes.**

The Queensland Parliament amended the Act to capture electronic cigarettes as smoking products.

This means that devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes cannot be:

- Used in existing no-smoking indoor and outdoor places
- Sold to children under 18 years of age
- Advertised, promoted or displayed at retail outlets

### **Non-compliance**

Compliance with this policy is mandatory and any non-compliance may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Club/Zone or PCAQ Executive on behalf of the Association.

Note: Non-compliance could place PCAQ, its members and affiliates in breach of Government legislation and subject to legal action: it could also jeopardise future Government funding.

Further information pertaining to the tobacco laws in Queensland can be accessed at [www.health.qld.gov](http://www.health.qld.gov) or on 13 74 68.

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