



Preston Pirates Baseball Club Inc

Smoking & Vaping Free Environment Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Smoking & Vaping Free Environment Policy is to protect members of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club and supporters as well as visiting teams and supporters from the dangers of second-hand smoke and the aerosol from e-cigarettes at Ganbu Dilla Sports Park.

This ban creates a smoke-free and vape-free environment where children, young people and adults can enjoy themselves without being exposed to harmful second-hand tobacco smoke and the aerosol from e-cigarettes.

2. Scope

A total ban on smoking or the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) is in place in all areas within the blue line Ganbu Djila Sports Park including the club rooms, baseball diamond, cages, dugouts, grounds and car park including within 4 metres of the entrances to the car park. The ban also includes all areas within the red line being the Charles La Trobe College grounds and within 4 metres of the entrances to the grounds.



3. Background

Preston Pirates Baseball Club is based at Ganbu Djila Sports Park which is located on Department of Education land.

Preston Pirates Baseball Club lease the use of Ganbu Djila Sports Park from La Trobe University who manage the facility on behalf of the Department of Education (Charles La Trobe College).

Preston Pirates Baseball Club are a Member of Baseball Victoria and participate in the Victorian Summer Baseball League.

As such Preston Pirates Baseball Club are governed by the following Legislation and Policies along with a legal duty of care that Preston Pirates Baseball Club has to provide a safe environment for its members and visitors.

- **Victoria's Tobacco Act 1987 (VIC)**

- Under Victoria's *Tobacco Act 1987* (the Tobacco Act), smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) is prohibited in all enclosed workplaces and certain public spaces where members of the public gather.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco-reform/smoke-free-and-vape-free-areas>

- By law, smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco-reform/under-age-sporting-events-smoke-free-and-vape-free>

- **La Trobe University Health and Safety Procedure - Smoke Free Environment**

- The University is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace and promoting the health and wellbeing of all members of its community. In doing so, the University exercises smoke-free zones across campuses, buildings and grounds where smoking is not permitted including Ganbu Djila Sports Park.
- The University disallows the sale and use of all smoking and vaping products across its campuses. This includes e-cigarettes and their inclusion is consistent with the Victorian statutory requirements.

<https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=191&version=2>

- **Victorian Department of Education Smoking & Vaping Ban Policy**

- In Victoria, a person must not smoke or vape on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises. This includes Ganbu Djila Sports Park, Car Park and the Charles La Trobe College grounds.
- The prohibition on smoking includes vaping and applies whether or not the e-cigarette contains nicotine or is prescribed for therapeutic use.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/smoking-vaping-ban/policy>

▪ **Baseball Victoria Smoke Free Policy**

- Baseball Victoria (BV) recognise that Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke. Under the Policy:
 - All Pavilions at Park/Reserve will be 100 % smoke free.
 - All indoor areas of the Pavilions at Park/Reserve including foyer and toilets will be 100% smoke free.
 - All change room areas of the Pavilions at Park/Reserve will be 100% smoke free.
 - Baseball Club players, Club coaches, managers, team manager will refrain from smoking or chewing or dipping tobacco whilst in uniform or representing the association in any capacity on or off the field

<https://baseballvictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Policies-Smoke-Free-Policy.pdf>

4. Supporting Members Who Smoke

Preston Pirates Baseball Club may on occasion promote smoking cessation resources such as the Quit line materials.

<https://www.quit.org.au/communities-and-places-resources/sporting-groups>

5. Enforcement Of This Policy

There is strong community support for banning smoking and vaping in public places, particularly those regularly attended by children. This means most people will voluntarily comply with the smoking and vaping ban and expect others to do so.

Where a person smokes or vapes within the Ganbu Djila Sports Park or the Charles La Trobe College grounds in contravention of this Policy, the breach should immediately be reported to the most senior member of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board on site, or in the absence of a Board Member the most senior Club Coach on site who will approach the person who is smoking or vaping.

They should:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Smoking & Vaping Free Environment Policy.
2. Politely ask them to stop smoking or vaping and let them know about the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Smoking & Vaping Free Environment Policy a copy of which can be found on the Club website. <https://www.prestonpiratesbaseballclub.com.au/smoking-vaping-free-environment-policy>
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If resolved (person stops smoking or vaping):

1. Complete an Incident Report and report the resolved matter to the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board. <https://www.prestonpiratesbaseballclub.com.au/incident-reporting-form>

If unresolved (person refuses to stop smoking or vaping):

1. If a member of Preston Pirates Baseball Club or supporter complete an Incident Report and refer the matter to the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board to determine disciplinary actions.
2. If a member of the visiting club or supporter, make the most senior person from the visiting club aware on the day of the matter and complete an Incident Report and refer the matter to the visiting Clubs President or Secretary and provide a copy to the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board.

The Preston Pirates Baseball Club reserves the right to take necessary disciplinary action as it determines for a Preston Pirates Baseball Club member or supporter.

Further the Preston Pirates Baseball Club may in its absolute discretion refer the matter to Baseball Victoria via a Baseball Victoria umpire if during a game and in the area of the umpire's responsibility or directly to Baseball Victoria.

6. Reporting A Breach of This Policy

How to report a breach of this policy to the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board if not reported at the time following the process outlined above.

Complete an Incident Report and report the resolved matter to the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board. <https://www.prestonpiratesbaseballclub.com.au/incident-reporting-form>

OR

Name: The President & Secretary
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Reviewing this policy

This policy is reviewed every 12 months.

Reviewed and Endorsed by the Preston Pirates Baseball Club Board.
4 December 2024

Next Review Due
4 December 2026