



Gladstone Netball Association

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Gladstone Netball Association (GNA) Smoke Free – Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable environment for all players, officials, volunteers, and spectators at GNA competitions and events. This aligns with Queensland legislation and the values of Netball Queensland and Netball Australia regarding health, wellbeing, and safe participation.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all GNA venues, including courts, seating areas, clubhouses, canteens, car parks, and surrounding grounds during training, games, and events. It applies to all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, officials, and spectators.

3. Legislative Context

This policy is informed by Queensland Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998, which prohibits smoking at:

- Outdoor public places during underage sporting events, including within 10 metres of a playing field, court, or spectator area.
- All enclosed public places, including clubhouses, amenities, and indoor facilities.
- Spectator areas at organised under-18 sporting events.

The legislation applies equally to cigarettes, cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices.

4. Policy Statement

- GNA is a smoke-free and vape-free organisation.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited:
 - On or within 10 metres of all playing courts.
 - In all spectator areas, seating, canteens, and food preparation areas.
 - In and around changerooms, toilets, and club facilities.
 - In car parks and entrances where children and families gather.
- Designated smoking/vaping areas are not provided at GNA venues to ensure a healthy environment.

5. Responsibilities

- GNA Committee: Ensure the smoke-free policy is enforced and signage is visible around facilities.
- Team Officials and Coaches: Model smoke-free behaviour and support enforcement.
- Players and Spectators: Comply with smoke-free requirements and respect requests from officials to refrain from smoking or vaping.



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6. Enforcement

- Clear "Smoke-Free and Vape-Free Zone" signage will be displayed at GNA venues.
- Officials, committee members, and volunteers may politely remind individuals who are smoking or vaping of the policy and request compliance.
- Persistent breaches may result in removal from the venue and/or reporting to local authorities in line with Queensland law.

7. Education & Promotion

- The smoke-free message will be promoted through:
 - GNA website and social media
 - Season launches and newsletters
 - Venue signage
- GNA will encourage and support members and families who wish to quit smoking or vaping by providing information on Quitline (13 78 48) and other resources.

8. Reference Documents

This policy has been developed with reference to:

- Queensland Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998
- Netball Queensland Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policies
- Netball Australia Member Protection Policy

9. Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if Queensland legislation or Netball Queensland/Australia policies are updated.