



Ballarat Little Athletics

Smoke Free Policy

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Policy Administration

Policy Owner	Ballarat Little Athletics Centre
Date of Last Review	30 September 2020
Next Scheduled Review	September 2021
Related Policies	Nil
Supporting Procedures or Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BLAC Handbook - LAVic – Smoke Free Policy

Document Control

Version Number	Changes and Updates	Approved by:
0.1	Draft policy	30.09.2020 – BLAC Committee
1.0	Implementation of Policy	02.10.2020 – J Collins (Secretary)

Definitions

LAVic	Little Athletics Victoria
BLAC	Ballarat Little Athletics Centre

Purpose

To ensure Ballarat Little Athletics Centre Incorporated (BLAC) meets its obligations with respect to providing a smoke free environment at BLAC events, competitions and training sessions.

This policy is designed to:

- Protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all who participate in and attend BLAC events.
- Ensure BLAC venues are a safe place to compete, spectate and officiate as far as is reasonably practicable.
- Ensure compliance with the *Tobacco Act 1987*.

Authority

The Smoke Free Policy was approved by the BLAC Committee 30th September 2020.

Effective Date

The Smoke Free Policy is effective from 2 October 2020.

Amendments

Any amendments to this policy will be recorded in the Document Control Sheet stating the date of adaptation and the effective date upon which any amendment is to take effect.

Alignment with Little Athletics Victoria

This Smoke Free Policy has been adopted from and aligns to the Little Athletics Association of Victoria (LAVic) Smoke Free Policy.

The LAVic Smoke Free Policy can be accessed [here](#).

Publication

The Smoke Free Policy will be published on the BLAC website.

All amendments to this policy are to be reflected on the BLAC website in a timely manner

Introduction

BLAC is aware that going smoke free is one of the healthiest messages a sporting club can share with its community. The BLAC Committee recognises the potential impacts of second-hand smoke which include but are not limited to increased risk of heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, irritation of eyes and nose, worsening of asthma symptoms, bronchitis and middle ear disease. Outdoor smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable and provide a healthy family friendly environment.

Since 1 April 2014, smoking is banned within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during organised underage sporting events and training sessions.

Regulation & Legislation

Ballarat City Council prohibits smoking at all council owned sports grounds and premises including Llanberris Reserve.

In Victoria, smoking is banned at all underage sporting events and training sessions as per *Tobacco Act 1987*.

Strategies

- Cigarettes shall not be sold at any venue used by BLAC
- BLAC committee members, coaches and officials shall not smoke in the view of the public or athletes during the lead up to and conduct of any event or training.
- All BLAC meetings and functions shall be smoke free.
- No Smoking signs will be placed in prominent positions including all entrances to the venue, removal of any ashtrays at the venue prior to any event or training.
- Reference to Smoke Free Policy in publications including but not limited to BLAC Handbook.
- Regular PA announcements to ensure members and visitors are aware of BLAC Smoke Free Policy.

Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with the policy will be handled by an explanation of the BLAC Smoke Free Policy to the person, including the identification of areas in which smoking is permitted. In the case of continued non-compliance with the policy, BLAC committee will use their discretion as to the steps to be taken, which may include asking the person to leave the premises, event or function.

Responsibilities

The BLAC Committee endeavours to act reasonably at all times and in good faith for the overall health and safety of athletes, officials, spectators, volunteers or other participants.

BLAC Committee

- Ensure this policy reflects current recommendations for reducing and managing risks associated with cigarette smoke.
- Exercise the authority to cancel, suspend or modify BLAC events if conditions pose an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of athletes, officials, spectators, volunteers or other participants.
- Ensure sufficient signage is in situ.
- Make regular announcements reminding everyone of the centre's Smoke Free Policy.
- Ensure a copy of this Policy is accessible to all Members. Further, the Policy will be available online at: <http://www.ballaratlittleathletics.com.au/policies.html>

Team Managers / Officials

- Are reminded of their responsibilities as role models and are asked to refrain from smoking whilst associated with BLAC.
- Familiarise themselves with this policy and advise the BLAC Committee of any suspected breaches occur.

Athletes / Other Participants

- Familiarise themselves with this policy and advise the BLAC Committee of any suspected breaches occur.
- Parents, administrators, coaches and officials have a responsibility as role models.