

# MBLAC Club Smoke & Vape Free Policy

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Murray Bridge Little Athletics Centre (MBLAC) is committed to providing its committee, registered members and their families, coaches, officials, and volunteers with a safe, healthy, and supportive environment in which to meet.

MBLAC recognises that the health and wellbeing of our registered members and their families, coaches, officials, and volunteers is important.

MBLAC is committed to providing a supportive meet place where healthy lifestyle choices are valued and encouraged.

## 1. Purpose

Smoking, vaping and second-hand smoking and vaping is a leading cause of preventable death and disease in Australia. Smoking and vaping greatly increases an individual's risk of suffering from potentially deadly conditions, including but not limited to, a range of cancers, heart disease and respiratory illness.

Maintaining a smoke-free and vape-free meet environment is essential to ensuring the health and wellbeing of everyone at MBLAC club meets.

MBLAC will safeguard its committee, registered members and their families, coaches, officials, and volunteers from the harmful effects of cigarette and vape smoke.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all committee, registered members and their families, coaches, officials, and volunteers prior to, during and after a MBLAC club meet or organised activity.

## 3. Policy

Smoking and vaping are not permitted at any time with-in 10m (metres) of the grounds or in/around the buildings of the MBLAC club meet or Murray Bridge High School where MBLAC club meets are held or within 10m (metres) of any grounds or in/around building of any organised MBLAC club activity.

Cigarette and vape sales and/or promotion of cigarette and vape products are not permitted at any MBLAC meet or organised activity.

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## 4. Responsibilities

**Club Committee are responsible for:**

- Having a Smoke and Vape Free Policy in place that covers MBLAC club meets and MBLAC organised activities.
- Informing all registered members of MBLAC and visitors, of the MBLAC Club Smoke and Vape Free Policy.
- Display appropriate smoke and vape-free signage at MBLAC club meets.
- Ensure that no cigarette or vape sales or promotion of cigarette or vape products occur at MBLAC club meets or MBLAC organised activities.
- If smoking, sale of cigarettes or vapes, or promotion of cigarette or vape products is found to be occurring, the president and delegated committee member/s are required to address the offending party/s, inform them of the MBLAC Club Smoke and Vape Free Policy and ensure immediate compliance occurs or ask them to leave the MBLAC club meet/activity and exit the grounds to a distance beyond 10m (metres).

**All committee, athletes, parents/guardians, coaches, officials, and volunteers are required to:**

- Follow the MBLAC Club Smoke and Vape Free Policy.
- Respect the right of other committee, athletes, parents/guardians, coaches, and volunteers to enjoy a safe and healthy environment.
- Vacate the MBLAC club meet grounds and buildings or MBLAC organised activity grounds, to a distance beyond 10m (metres), if they wish to partake in the consumption of cigarette smoking or vaping and refrain from littering cigarette butts or vaping products and their packaging/wrapping.
- Comply with the instructions from the president and committee members.

**This policy has been writing and is enforced in conjunction with the Government of South Australia, Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997 and Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products (Smoking Bans) Amendment Regulations 2023.**

**Failure to comply with this policy or acts of aggression towards MBLAC committee, registered members and their families, coaches, officials, and volunteers may result in South Australian Police (SAPOL) being notified, their attendance requested and associated fines issued.**