

BASEBALL
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BASEBALL NORTHERN TERRITORY SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY

Adapted from Good Sports & Baseball Australia as of 09 June 2020

PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette¹ use in Baseball Northern Territory (BNT) venues and at games, special events, functions and other baseball-related activities. It represents BNT's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure BNT:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of BNT, sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

RATIONALE

Baseball Northern Territory recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact on the junior members of our club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less acceptable, and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts.
- Smoke free environments can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.
- People who smoke within the community are not to be ostracised or discriminated against through the implementation of this policy.

¹ The term 'e-cigarettes' includes Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Smoking restrictions for sporting clubs differ from state to state, and are strengthened regularly. BNT will comply with all relevant Northern Territory Government smoking restrictions.

BNT recognises the importance of educating our members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist this process. In addition, BNT will promote resources for members wishing to quit, including the national Quitline (13 78 48, quitnow.gov.au), where appropriate.

The following policy shall apply to all coaches, players, trainers, officials, volunteers and spectators at venues: Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.

- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by BNT.
- No smoking shall occur at or near sporting events involving children and young people under the age of 18.
- Social events shall be smoke-free, with smoking permitted at designated outdoor smoking areas; and
- Coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers and players will refrain from smoking while they are involved in an official capacity in our sport, both on and off the field.
- To foster BNT's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at baseball-related activities will be placed on social media or any other public forum.

SMOKE FREE AREAS

BNT requires the following areas of all Territory Baseball Venues] to be smoke free with a minimum of 10 meter smoke-free buffer area from:

- All indoor areas
- All outdoor playing/training areas
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering, eating and drinking areas

boundaries, entry points and exits around public events and community facilities

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in BNT materials.

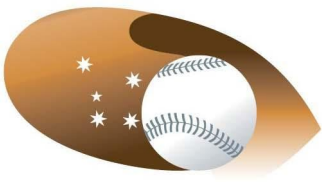
See attachment A for mapping of smoke-free and designated smoking permitted areas during BNT events. It is recommended affiliates adopt mapping for consistency and messaging.

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PROMOTING THIS POLICY

BNT will promote this policy regularly by:

- Placing a copy of the policy on the website.
- Promoting positive smoke free messages through social media and newsletters.
- Displaying a copy of the policy at venues.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

NON-COMPLIANCE

All board members and staff will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Members and/or guests should notify BNT of any breaches of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining the policy, and directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two board/staff members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the venue or in extreme cases the person/people will be sanctioned by the Reported Player and Tribunal Processes.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to BNT operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Next policy review date is 09 June 2021

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APPENDIX A

Tracy Village Sporting Complex

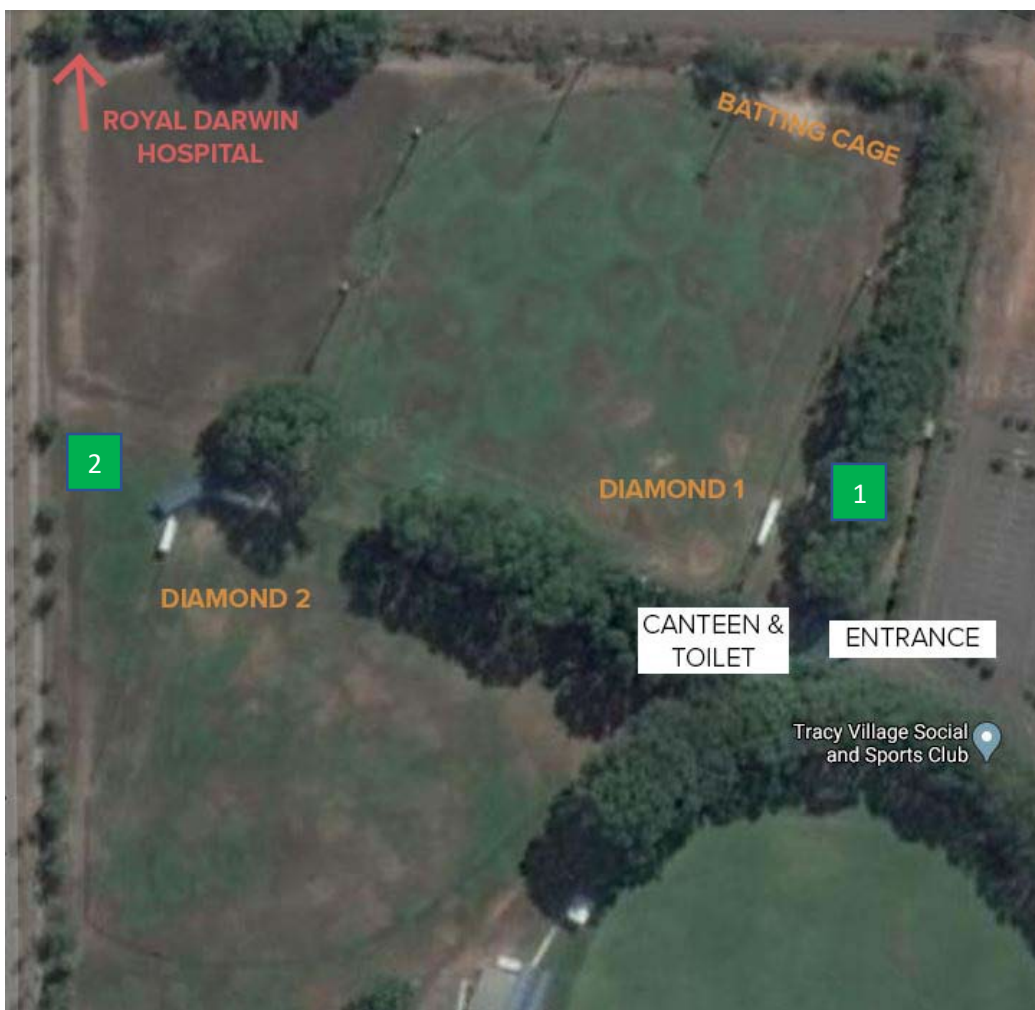
Smoking Permitted Area 1:

- Against back of baseball equipment shed, on top of the grass hill away from the playing field and other spectators.

Smoking Permitted Area 2:

- 10 meters away from edge of spectator shade directly behind the home plate region.

All other areas, including a 10-meter perimeter from the entrance, are Smoke Free Areas.

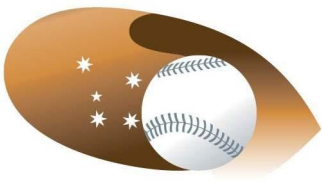


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Lyel Kempster Baseball Park

Smoking Permitted Area 1:

- Open space, 10 meters away from field, dugout, bullpen and carpark.

Smoking Permitted Area 2:

- Open space, 10 meters away from field, dugout, bullpen and toilet facility.

All other areas, including a 10-meter perimeter from the entrance, are Smoke Free Areas.



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