

GAME-ON, BUTT OUT

City of Albany Smoke-Free Outdoors Policy

Centennial Park Sporting Precinct FAQs

What is it?

The City of Albany Smoke-Free Outdoors Policy aims to protect the community from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke by promoting the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct as smoke-free.

Where and when does the Policy apply?

Smoking tobacco and the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted:

- Within 10 metres of entranceways, breezeways and air intake vents of Precinct buildings, **at all times**.
- Within the outdoor boundaries of the Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre, **at all times**
- Within the outdoor boundaries of the Albany Youth Precinct, **at all times** (Skate Park, adjoining multi-purpose field, and yet to be developed bike pump track).
- All Precinct ovals, playing fields, pitches and spectator areas **during organised sporting games, events, and training**.

Why has the Policy been developed?

- Public sports grounds and facilities are popular outdoor settings for exercise and recreation in our community, particularly for families, young people and children.
- By making the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct a smoke-free environment, families can enjoy themselves without being exposed to harmful second-hand smoke (the smoke emitted from a lit cigarette or exhaled by smokers).
- There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, even in outdoor areas.
- It is particularly dangerous for children and young people as they have smaller airways and less developed immune systems. They are more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.
- In adults, breathing second-hand smoke can increase the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases, and worsen illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis.
- Promoting smoke-free outdoor areas like the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct can also support those who have quit, make smoking less visible to children and young people, and minimise cigarette butt pollution.

What sporting events and games does the Policy apply to?

All organised/fixtured sporting games, events, and training held in the Centennial Park Sporting Precinct are smoke-free for their entire duration – i.e. including pre- match and half time games and entertainment that form part of the sporting event.

If there are courts or ovals next to one another, the court/s or oval/s where the actual sporting event, game or training is taking place is the area to which the Policy applies.

This includes any seating, marshalling area, warm-up area, podium or other part of the venue reserved for the use of competitors or officials.

What is a spectator area?

A spectator area is an area set aside for or being used by spectators to watch an organised sporting event at a sports ground or other recreational area, but only when an organised sporting event is being held there.

Can people smoke in their car parked in spectator areas around a football oval?

No, the Policy promotes all areas of the Precinct as smoke-free, including outdoor spectator areas. In addition, smoking is prohibited in or on vehicles in Western Australia if a child aged under 17 is present.

How will the Policy be promoted?

Smoke-free signage will be erected at key entrances and congregation points across the Precinct, and the Policy will be promoted via advertising in local newspapers, radio, cinema, social media, and City of Albany website: www.albany.wa.gov.au/services/environmental-health/smoke-free

How can sporting clubs and sporting venue staff be involved?

Sporting associations and clubs are encouraged to raise awareness of the Policy to its members and spectators using a range of promotional materials provided by the city of Albany.

Smoking remains banned in enclosed areas of sporting venues under the enclosed public places provisions in the legislation, *Tobacco Products Control Act 2006*.

Why should sporting clubs get involved?

Promoting the Smoke-free Outdoors Policy has many benefits for your club or association:

- Helps to attract new members
- Positively promotes the club/association in the community
- Provides positive role-modelling to the younger members of your club/association
- Helps to protect the health, safety and performance of your members and athletes.

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