



## **Northland Events Centre Smokefree Policy**

### **Intent of the Smokefree Environments Act 1990**

The purpose of the Act is to; 'prevent, so far as is reasonably practicable, the detrimental effects of smoking on the health of any person who does not smoke or who does not wish to smoke.'

### **Purpose**

Northland Events Centre recognises the entitlement of everyone entering the venue to a smokefree environment.

To reflect Northland Events Centre's commitment as a venue for sporting excellence where no association exists between tobacco smoking and sport.

The policy is based on the following principles:

Northland Events Centre undertakes, as far as is reasonably practicable to protect anyone who does not smoke, or who does not wish to smoke, from tobacco smoke within the venue.

Visitors to the venue should be made aware of the policy and will be required to adhere to it.

Northland Events Centre is a seated, smokefree venue. All indoor and covered areas, and all outdoor seated areas in the arena are smokefree.

Smoking is also prohibited within 2 meters of all main entranceways and food stalls.

There are designated smoking areas outside the venue, all other areas are smokefree at all times.

All staff, contractors, visitors and users are expected to abide by the requirement of the smokefree policy at all times.

**Policy Statement:**

- a. Under the Smokefree Environments Amendment Act 2003 smoking is banned in all indoor areas in all buildings including lounges, bars and corporate suites at Northland Events Centre.
- b. Smoking is not allowed in all outdoor seated areas at Northland Events Centre, including all grandstands, corporate suites and hospitality areas.
- c. Smoking is prohibited within 2 meters of all main entranceways.
- d. Signs are placed in all seated areas, hospitality areas and entrances encouraging patrons to keep Northland Events Centre Smokefree.
- e. Smokefree messages will be communicated through the Northland Events Centre sound system.

**Breach of Smokefree Policy**

Patrons and spectators found smoking at Northland Events Centre will be approached by a member of security personnel or Northland Events Centre Staff and will be

- a. Asked to extinguish the cigarette or
- b. Asked to move to smoking areas outside of the venue

The Venue's Security company's policy for dealing with any inappropriate behavior comes into effect if a. and b. are not adhered to.

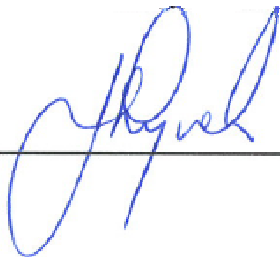
**Complaints and enquiries**

All complaints shall be in writing to the operations manager and will be dealt with by management within 10 working days.

**Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed and revised annually.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7 MAY 2010

## **Implementation**

- Appropriate signs will be clearly displayed, indicating the smokefree status of Northland Events Centre.
- The policy statement will be a condition of the venue hire in any hire contract signed.
- The policy statement will be included in any relevant advertising and marketing materials and avenues.
- The policy will always be clearly displayed and all staff will be made aware of the policy contents.
- In the interest of the health and well being of everyone at Northland Events Centre, it is the responsibility of all staff to give effect to the requirements of this policy.
- Security and event staff will be provided training on how to handle smoking issues in the appropriate manner.
- Staff who smoke are encouraged to quit and for those who wish to do so, Northland Events Centre management will provide advice and support in accessing assistance to make this happen.