

# SMOKE FREE POLICY

## Rationale

- Environmental tobacco smoke (breathing other people's tobacco smoke), commonly known as *passive smoking*, is harmful to our health and increases our risk of cancers and disease. It can trigger asthma attacks and headaches.
- Associations have a duty of care to the health and safety of their members and of others who may be affected by acts at events hosted by IPSC (NT) Inc.
- Members and officials have a duty of care to act safely and maintain a safe environment.
- This Policy is not an anti-smoking campaign, but rather it informs where and when smoking may occur within this association.

## Aim

IPSC (NT) Inc aims to achieve a smoke free environment to protect all members, officials and visitors from the effects of environmental tobacco smoke.

## Objectives

- Protect the health of all members, officials and visitors
- Reduce the number of smoking breaks during events

## Components of the policy

1. IPSC (NT) Inc requires that all meetings are held in a smoke free environment. Delegates or members that wish to smoke may only do so in areas especially designated for smoking in accordance with the NT Tobacco Control Act and Regulations.
2. Smoking is banned in all indoor areas, on active ranges and covered/uncovered marshalling areas and is restricted to designated outdoor areas.
3. Members and officials will be given the opportunity to attend a meeting to discuss the implementation of the Smoke Free Policy.
4. The Policy applies to all members, officials and visitors while on the premises of an IPSC (NT) Inc sanctioned event.
5. The responsibility for enforcing the Policy rests with the Management Committee and officials of IPSC (NT) Inc and their nominated parties.

## Assistance to members that smoke

Professional help, including QUIT smoking advice and information, is available for members that may require assistance to adapt to the policy.

For further information contact the QUIT line on 131 848.

## Disciplinary procedures

Adherence to the Smoke Free Policy is a condition of membership to IPSC (NT) Inc. Breaches of this Policy will lead to disciplinary procedures being applied in accordance with the IPSC (NT) Inc Constitution.

## Review of the Smoke Free Policy

This Policy will be reviewed each year at the first committee meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Members wishing to discuss any aspect of this Policy are invited to contact:

*IPSC (NT) Inc Section Coordinator.*

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