

Smoke Free Policy



Little Athletics NSW understands the harmful effects of smoking on health, fitness and performance in sport and that passive smoking is also hazardous to health. It is acknowledged that non-smokers should be protected from the involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke and as a result Little Athletics NSW has adopted the following policy.

Smoking (including of vapes and e-cigarettes) shall not be permitted in any competition or spectator area during any Little Athletics competition (including at weekly centre activities).

Parents, administrators, coaches and officials have a responsibility as role models, particularly when involved at Little Athletics centres and Little Athletics NSW events.

Premises

Premises and competition areas are declared smoke free zones – smoking is only permitted where a special smoking area is designated.

Council Regulations

Some councils prohibit smoking at council owned sports grounds and premises through council policies. Contact your local council if you are unsure of the local council policies applicable to your ground.

NSW Legislation

Smoking is banned in NSW in spectator areas of all sports grounds during organised sport events. The legislation applies to all sports grounds whether council, public or privately owned and operated. For further information view the **Sports Ground Smoking Ban Factsheet** (www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Factsheets/sportsground-smoking-ban.PDF).

Fines of up to \$550 apply for breaches by individuals who fail to comply with these regulations. Fines may also apply to venue occupiers who allow smoking in smoke-free areas as outlined in the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000.

Athletes/Participants

Athletes/participants are reminded that smoking adversely affects performances and are prohibited from smoking whilst engaged in Little Athletics activities.

Coaches and Officials

Coaches and officials are reminded of their responsibilities as role models particularly with junior athletes and are asked to refrain from smoking whilst associated with our sport.

Spectators

Spectators are reminded that smoking is inappropriate behaviour in a sporting environment and are asked to respect our Smoke Free Policy.

Visitors

Visiting athletes, coaches, officials and administrators are also asked to respect our Smoke Free Policy.

Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with this policy will be handled by an explanation of the Little Athletics NSW Smoke Free Policy to the person, including the identification of areas in which smoking is permitted. In the case of continued non-compliance with the policy, Little Athletics NSW personnel will use their discretion as to the steps to be taken, which may include asking the person to leave the premises, event or function.

Contact

Anyone wishing to discuss any aspect of this policy is invited to contact the Little Athletics NSW Chief Executive Officer by phone on 02 9633 4511 or by mail to PO Box 7516, Silverwater, NSW, 2128.