



# Muckamore Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club

Smoke-Free Policy

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## **SMOKE-FREE POLICY**

This aim of this policy is to protect all members, customers, visitors and employees from exposure to second-hand smoke and to comply with the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which has been enforced by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council since 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

Second-hand smoke has been scientifically proven to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non-smokers as well as many other illnesses and minor conditions (Report of the Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health, Department of Health, 1998).

Muckamore Cricket Club acknowledges that breathing second-hand smoke poses a risk to health. The following policy has been agreed between the Executive Committee.

## **PREMISES**

Smoking is prohibited throughout the premises. However, an area has been provided externally, to the side of the paved patio area and tennis courts, for those who wish to smoke. Receptacles will be provided for disposal of cigarette ends and other waste smoking materials.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES**

- To display No Smoking Signs as required by the legislation.
- To ensure employees, customers and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places.
- To investigate complaints regarding employees, customers and visitors smoking.
- To inform, consult and train employees on this policy.

## **EMPLOYEES DUTIES**

- To ensure that they or others do not interfere with no smoking signs.
- To comply with the Smoke-Free Policy.
- To ensure customers and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places.
- To report incidents of smoking in smoke-free areas.

## **CUSTOMER/VISITOR DUTIES**

- Customers are not permitted to smoke in smoke-free areas.

## **HELP FOR THOSE WHO SMOKE**

This policy is not concerned with whether anyone smokes but where they smoke and how it affects others. To help smokers adjust to the changes occurring they should contact the smokers helpline on 0800 858585 who can advise of local support services.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY**

Failure to comply with this policy will be dealt with through the Club's disciplinary procedures. Visitors or members of the public who breach the policy will be asked to stop smoking and will be asked to leave the premises if they fail to comply with this request. All breaches of this policy will be recorded in writing by the organisation. Be aware that, in addition to action taken under this policy, the local council may take legal action against individuals who smoke in smoke-free places.