

ST JOHN'S GAC - SMOKE-FREE POLICY



“SMOKE-FREE” POLICY

St John's GAC is committed to providing a healthy place of recreation for our members and visitors to our club. St John's GAC recognises that breathing second-hand smoke is a health hazard and has agreed to adopt this smoke-free policy in order to protect the health of our members and visitors. Adoption of this policy will also ensure that St John's GAC comply with the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

This aim of this policy is to protect the health of our members from exposure to second-hand smoke. In order to implement this policy and create an environment free from the hazard of second-hand smoke we shall:-

1. Prohibit smoking throughout the entire clubrooms with no exceptions.
2. Prohibit smoking in any vehicle provided by the club to transport members.
3. Prohibit smoking on the playing field during all matches, training sessions, and similar activities.
4. Display “No Smoking” signs as required by legislation.
5. Inform, consult and train members and volunteers on this policy.
6. Bring this policy to the attention of visitors to the club.
7. Provide guidance on dealing with people who attempt to smoke in contravention of this policy.
8. Investigate complaints regarding members and visitors breaching this policy.

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ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY

Failure to comply with this policy will be dealt with by St. John's executive committee through our disciplinary procedures. Members or visitors 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 executive committee. We are 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 or vehicles.

Under the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the premises to ensure nobody, including the public, smoke in smoke-free premises. A person in charge who permits people to smoke on their premises may be liable to prosecution. Also any individual who smokes in a smoke-free premise may be issued with a fixed penalty notice or may be prosecuted.

Guidance to members

If someone attempts to breach this policy or to break the law: -
Approach the person in a non confrontational manner and:

1. Draw their attention to the 'No Smoking' signs.
2. Advise them that smoking is prohibited by law and by club policy and politely ask them to stop smoking.
3. Advise them of any place where smoking is permitted, such as the car park.
4. Refuse service to anyone who continues to smoke and ask them to leave.
5. If a customer refuses to leave, follow usual procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour.
6. If threatened, seek assistance of the police. Do not put yourself in any danger.

This policy was initially adopted by Executive Committee on 16th April 2007 and came into effect on 30th April 2007. It was reviewed and adopted by Annual General Meeting on 24th November 2010.

Cathaoirleach
Chairperson

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Secretary