

# **Queensland Masters Athletics Association Inc.**

## **Smoking Policy**

### **POLICY**

Queensland Masters Athletics understands the harmful affects of smoking on health, fitness and performance in sport, and as a result has adopted the following Policy.

Smoking shall not be permitted in any competition or spectator areas during any Queensland Masters Athletics competition – smoking is permitted only where a special smoking area is designated.

Under Government law smoking is also prohibited anywhere within the confines of the field of competition of the State Athletics Facility, the Main Stadium, the Beach Volleyball Facility and as well as any buildings within the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, those wishing to smoke must do so not closer than 4 metres to any entrance to the above named facilities.

Athletes/Participants are reminded that smoking adversely affects performances and will be prohibited from smoking at all whilst engaged in Queensland Masters Athletics activities.

Coaches and Officials are reminded of their responsibilities as role models particularly with new members and are asked to refrain from smoking whilst associated with our sport.

Spectators are reminded smoking is inappropriate behaviour in a sporting environment and will be asked to respect our Smoking Policy.

Visiting Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Administrators are also asked to respect our Non Smoking Policy

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The overall responsibility rests with that person designated by QMA as being responsible for the running of the athletic meeting (Meet Director). All committee members and those members assisting have a responsibility to respectfully point out to anyone smoking of the prohibitions on doing so. Should the person not stop smoking as requested, the Meet Director will be advised who will take any necessary and appropriate action in the circumstances.

### **PROCESS**

All new and existing members will be advised on an annual basis of the current prohibitions on smoking.

The Meet Director will ensure that there is adequate signage at athletic meeting run by QMA to ensure that athletes/officials/coaches/spectators are aware of the smoking prohibitions.

For annual events such as State Championships where members will be competing who do not usually attend the venue, advice will be given with entry forms regarding the smoking restrictions.

Refusal to adhere to the policy will result in members being subject to existing disciplinary procedures.

**This version adopted as a policy of Queensland Masters Athletics Association Inc on:**

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**President: Original signed Stan Perkins**