



## GAA's Tobacco Free Policy Statement

[INSERT CLUB NAME] is committed to reducing the use of tobacco and its harmful health effects by adopting the GAA'S tobacco free policy.

**Aim:** To protect the health of all individuals involved with the club by keeping them safe from all tobacco related harm.

**Rationale:** [INSERT CLUB NAME] recognises that tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke is severely harmful to health, in particular to the health of children. There is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke. The policy will help change social norms around tobacco use, encourage people to consider quitting and reduce the initiation of smoking amongst young people.

The club has therefore imposed a tobacco free policy, which includes the use of e- cigarettes. It applies to the entire GAA club grounds, including both internal & external. There are NO designated smoking areas.

This policy applies to all members, officials, coaches, players, parents, visitors and volunteers. We believe that we are setting a positive example for the community with genuine concern for everyone's health.

**Timing:** This policy will commence on the [insert date]

**Enforcement and non- compliance:** The club will use no smoking signs both internally and externally to promote the tobacco free policy. Committee members will monitor compliance in the club grounds.

The following strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the tobacco free policy:

- ✓ Assume that the person is unaware of the non-smoking policy
- ✓ A committee member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the non-smoking policy
- ✓ If the offence continues a senior member of staff will intervene

**Policy Review:** This policy will be reviewed six months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter by an Executive Committee representative. This will ensure that the policy is sustained, effective and up to date.

**[INSERT CLUB NAME] is committed to following the GAA'S Tobacco Free Policy**



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Club Chairperson

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Club Health & Wellbeing Officer

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Date