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<Insert Clubname Here> GAA Club

GAA's Smoke Free Policy Statement

(including Electronic Cigarettes/Vaping)

This policy is effective from <Insert Date Here>

[INSERT CLUB NAME] is committed to reducing the use of tobacco and its harmful health effects by adopting the GAA'S smoke Free Policy including Electronic Cigarettes/Vaping).

Aim: To protect the health of all individuals involved with the club as well as visitors to the grounds by keeping them safe from all smoke related harm.

Rationale: [INSERT CLUB NAME] recognises that 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 Smoke Free Policy will help change social norms around tobacco use, encourage people to consider quitting and reduce the initiation of smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes/vaping amongst young people.

The club has therefore imposed a Smoke Free Policy (including Electronic Cigarettes/Vaping). It applies to the entire GAA club grounds, including both internal & external.

Buildings and residences,
Doorways and entrances,
Walkways, parkland, roads and car parks,
Pitches and sports facilities (including spectator spaces),
Balconies, terraces, outdoor seating and club/bar facilities
Cars parked on club grounds
Bicycle sheds and bus shelters on club grounds

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 Smoke Free signs both internally and externally to promote the policy. Committee members will monitor compliance in the club grounds.

'Vaping' includes the use of electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes or other such electronic delivery systems intended to simulate smoking, whether they deliver a nicotine dose or not.



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The following strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the Smoke Free Policy

- ✓ Assume that the person is unaware of the Smoke Free 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 Smoke Free Policy
- ✓ If the offence continues a senior member of the club executive 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 Smoke Free Policy (including Electronic Cigarettes/Vaping)

Signed: _____ Club Chairperson

Date: ____________

Signed: _____ Healthy Club Officer

Date: ____________

