



BRAY EMMETS GAA'S SMOKE-FREE POLICY



Bray Emmets GAA Club is committed to reducing the use of tobacco and its harmful health effects by adopting the GAA'S Smokefree policy.

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

Rationale: **Bray Emmets GAA Club** 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 smoke-free policy that will apply to both internal & external areas including:

- playing pitches
- club and social meeting rooms
- changing rooms
- toilets
- near open windows
- near entrances and exits of buildings, facilities and the ground
- gymnasium
- 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 commenced in 2019

Enforcement and non-compliance: The club will use no smoking signs both internally and externally to promote the smoke-free policy.

Committee members will monitor compliance in the club grounds. The following strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the smoke-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.



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Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by an Executive Committee representative. This will ensure that the policy is sustained, effective and up to date.

Bray Emmets GAA Club is committed to the GAA'S Smoke-free policy and has reviewed it in 2023

Signed: _____ Club Chairperson

Date: ____/____/____

Signed: _____ Health and Wellbeing Officer.

Date: ____/____/____

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Date: ____/____/____

