

Penrith Golf Club – Smoking Policy



General Policy

In the UK, smoking has been banned in enclosed or substantially enclosed workplaces and public places since the implementation of the Health Act 2006.

This document forms part of PGC's HSMS and has been developed to protect all members, visitors, employees, and customers from exposure to second-hand smoke and vapours also known as passive smoking.

Scope of application

The current laws relate specifically to tobacco-based products, and although the effects of vaping are thought to be less harmful than smoking, vaping is not completely harmless and the long-term effects are currently unknown. This smoking policy therefore applies to the use of all tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and vaping.

It is the policy of Penrith Golf Club that all our workplaces are smoke-free and that all our employees have a right to a smoke-free environment. Smoking and vaping is prohibited in all indoor areas and the paved area in front of the club house.

Designated smoking areas

Designated smoking areas are provided, and smoking is ONLY allowed in these areas. The areas are located on the patio outside the dining / function room and in the space beside the biomass boiler. These designated areas are clearly marked as such, and the Council requests that all smokers refrain from smoking in the vicinity of any other part of the clubhouse building for the consideration and wellbeing of others.

Waste bins are provided in these areas for the disposal of cigarette waste in a safe and considerate manner.

Normal waste bins should not be used to dispose of cigarette waste due to the risk of igniting flammable waste, paper, plastic, etc already in the bin. Use of the correct bins in the smoking areas allows smokers to dispose of waste safely and helps keep the areas clean and tidy.

Smoking shelters

Penrith Golf Club has no obligation to provide smokers with a covered shelter and the Council has made a clear decision not to do so.

The partially enclosed areas at the main clubhouse entrance and outside the men's changing room door are classed as substantially enclosed making it illegal to smoke in these areas.

Smoking on the course

Whilst smoking on the course when playing is still allowed please respect the course when discarding cigarette waste

Under exceptional circumstances, mostly due to weather conditions the Club reserves the right to ban smoking on the course.

Application of policy

This policy will be enforced by any employee, officer of the club or member. Any individual found to be in breach of the PGC smoking policy may be subject to disciplinary action.