

Smoking and Vaping Policy — Dover Athletic Football Club

Ground-wide prohibition

Smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout Dover Athletic Football Club's ground, including all indoor and outdoor areas. There are no designated smoking or vaping areas within the ground.

The policy applies to everyone within the ground, including spectators, visitors, players, officials, staff, volunteers and contractors. It applies to all matches and other events held at the ground.

Security enforcement

Security staff must approach anyone observed smoking or vaping and instruct them to stop immediately. A person smoking must extinguish the smoking item; a person vaping must stop using the device. Staff must explain that smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout the ground.

The instruction must include a clear warning: "Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere in the ground. Please extinguish your smoking item or stop vaping now. If you ignore this instruction, you will be removed from the ground."

Anyone who ignores the instruction to stop must be removed from the ground by authorised security staff. Removal must be carried out safely and in accordance with the club's applicable procedures. Security staff must seek supervisor support whenever needed, including where the person is uncooperative or a safety concern arises. The requirement to remove a person who ignores the instruction is mandatory.

Responsibilities

Everyone entering the ground must comply with the prohibition and with security instructions. Club management must ensure the policy is communicated and security staff are briefed. Security staff must enforce it consistently; supervisors must support staff where needed.

Communication and signage

The club must display clear no-smoking and no-vaping signs at entrances and in prominent locations around the ground. The prohibition should also be included in relevant visitor and event information so that people understand the rule before and during their visit.

Suggested signage: "Smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout this ground, including outdoor areas. Anyone who ignores a security instruction to stop will be removed from the ground."

Incident recording

Security staff must record enforcement incidents factually, noting the date, time, location, instruction and warning given, the person's response, and whether removal occurred. Record the staff involved and any supervisor support requested. Report refusals and removals to the security supervisor.

Staff briefing

Before each match or event, security staff must be briefed on the ground-wide prohibition, the immediate instruction and warning, mandatory removal for ignoring that instruction, safe removal procedures, supervisor support and incident recording. Other staff must know to refer observed smoking or vaping to security.