



Dogs at Hockey Facilities Policy

1. Purpose

To ensure the health and safety of WHA Staff, hockey participants and visitors to Hockey Facilities, the presence of dogs at Hockey Facilities is restricted. This policy outlines the responsibilities of WHA Staff and visitors to Hockey Facilities with respect to dogs.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Hockey Facilities.

This policy applies to all WHA Staff, hockey participants and any visitor or contractor entering onto Hockey Facilities for any reason.

3. Definitions

WHA means Wellington Hockey Association (Inc).

WRHST means the Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust.

WHA Staff means any person employed by WHA.

Hockey Facilities means the artificial turfs and surrounding areas and buildings which are owned or leased by WRHST and/or managed by WHA but does not include the footpath around the artificial turf at Maidstone Park in Upper Hutt.

Service Dog means any dog certified as a **disability assist dog** (e.g. a Guide Dog) or any dog certified for use by a **specified agency** (e.g. a Police Dog) under the Dog Control Act 1996.

4. Policy and Guidelines

4.1. General

- (a) No dog shall be permitted to enter or remain at any Hockey Facilities, regardless of size, breed, or whether they are on a leash.

- (b) Nothing in this Policy restricts Service Dogs from entering Hockey Facilities, but no Service Dog shall enter onto the artificial turf except in exceptional circumstances.

4.2. Responsibilities

- (a) WHA Staff are responsible for ensuring compliance with this Policy.
- (b) All WHA Staff, hockey participants and any visitor or contractor entering onto Hockey Facilities are responsible for complying with the Relevant Council Policies and Legislation.

4.3. Enforcement

- (a) Any person allowing a dog other than a Working Dog onto Hockey Facilities will be asked to remove the dog from the facility immediately.
- (b) Any person allowing a dog onto Hockey Facilities will be asked to remove any faeces left by their dog or compensate WHA for its removal.
- (c) WHA Staff may call the relevant Council to remove any dog which is on Hockey Facilities in breach of this Policy.
- (d) WHA shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by a person due to the impounding of their dog.

5. Relevant Council Policies and Legislation

5.1. This Policy takes into account the following:

- (a) Dog Control Act 1996
- (b) Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 2 – Animals
- (c) Wellington Dog Policy 2016
- (d) Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015
- (e) Hutt City Council Dog Control Policy 2015
- (f) Upper Hutt City Council Parks and Reserves Rules
- (g) Upper Hutt City Council Dog Control Policy 2011
- (h) Porirua City Council General Bylaw 1991 – Part 5 Dog Control Bylaw
- (i) Porirua City Council Dog Control Policy 2017

6. Approval



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