



Tobacco Free Policy

“Organization” refers to: Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer Association (EIYSA)

Purpose

1. The Organization is committed to providing a healthy environment for all members of the Organization.
2. The Organization recognizes the significant evidence demonstrating the negative impact on health of tobacco products consumption and exposure and that no level of exposure is safe. The Organization also recognizes that youth gain positive images of remaining tobacco-free when they see role models and community leaders respecting tobacco-free living.
3. The Organization believes that soccer is a sport that promotes physical activity and healthy living and is not compatible with tobacco product use.
4. The Organization has a responsibility to provide a healthy environment for all members and to model positive health behavior with regard to tobacco use.

Scope

5. All activities, including but not limited to games, tournaments, competitions, practices, training sessions, events and other performances sanctioned by our association will be tobacco-free.
6. The use of all tobacco industry products by players, volunteers, officials, coaches, leaders and spectators is prohibited during all organization events.
7. The club will not accept any support or funding from the tobacco industry.

Definitions

8. **Tobacco-free** means no consumption of any tobacco product by any member within a 9-metre radius of any organization activity. This policy will apply to all locations while the sanctioned event is ongoing.

Application

9. The Organization will endeavor to promote the policy at all our activities by:
 - a. Providing a copy of the policy in all orientation and information packages for coaches, parents, officials, volunteers and employees.
 - b. Posting our policies and procedures on the Organization’s website.
 - c. Sharing the policy with other organizations and groups who may participate or attend our facilities/events.
 - d. Making all of our policies visible throughout the year whenever afforded the opportunity.
10. The Organization will enforce the policy to ensure that all those attending and participating in the association’s activities has access to a tobacco-free environment. This will be achieved with the following steps:
 - a. Signs posted about our policy where our activities take place using signs, banners and include in information materials available at the facility where not prohibited.
 - b. Train members on how to inform individuals who are using tobacco products about the Organization’s Tobacco Free Policy and encourage them to speak up to ensure a tobacco-free environment.
 - c. The Organization will be prepared to provide one verbal warning to individuals who repeatedly do not follow the policy. Members are to advise the Organization’s Executive Director so that a member official can deliver the warning to the individual consistently ignoring the policy.
 - d. In the event that the individual fails to heed the verbal warning, the Organization will provide a formal written warning. Further violation will result in formal discipline proceedings.



References

- EIYSA Code of Conduct and Ethics
- EIYSA Safe Environment Policy