



Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club (HDSC) recognizes that tobacco industry products have no place in or alongside the healthy, safe activities that sports and recreation programs provide. HDSC is committed to providing a healthy environment for participants, volunteers and spectators involved with our organization. We recognize that there is significant evidence demonstrating the negative health impacts of tobacco industry products use and exposure (including second-hand smoke from the use of tobacco indoors and exposure to drifting smoke outdoors) and that no level of tobacco exposure is safe. We also recognize that children and youth gain positive images of being tobacco free when they see role models, leaders and individuals modeling and respecting tobacco-free living. A tobacco free environment is important to keep youth from trying, and using, tobacco industry products.

PURPOSE

This Smoke-Free policy will align with the *Nova Scotia Smoke-Free Places Act*. The *Smoke-Free Places Act* requires that all indoor workplaces and public places, select outdoor public spaces, outdoor licensed areas and patios of all restaurants, lounges, beverages rooms and canerets are smoke-free.

Select outdoor areas include: On or within 20 meters of a publically owned sport and recreation event or venue, located in an outdoor public space

Activities including but not limited to games, tournaments, competitions, practices, training sessions, events and other performances sanctioned by HDSC will be smoke-free. The use of all tobacco industry products by players, volunteers, officials, coaches, leaders and spectators is prohibited during any organization-sanctioned events. Our organization will not accept funding from the tobacco industry.

HDSC Policy and the Smoke-Free Places Act applies to all combustibles, including tobacco, cannabis, e-cigarettes and waterpipes.

WHY IS THIS POLICY IMPORTANT

At HDSC, we believe that soccer promotes physical activity and healthy living and is not compatible with tobacco industry product use. Tobacco industry products use, in all its forms, is considered the single most preventable cause of premature death and disease in Canada. HDSC has a responsibility to provide a healthy environment for all those involved in our sport, and to model positive health behavior with regard to tobacco use. HDSC recognizes that we have a responsibility to members, their families, staff and all visitors to provide a safe and healthy environment. Exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful.



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PROCEDURE

Smoke-free sports and recreation means that everyone taking part in an organized sport or recreational activity refrains from using all forms of tobacco industry products including cigarettes, chew, and other smokeless tobacco. It is a global movement endorsed by leading organizations including the International Football Association (FIFA).

Office Staff, Coaching staff and volunteers (incl. Board Members) will enforce this policy. Any person smoking will politely be asked to stop and be reminded about the smoke-free policy. If the offense continues, a second verbal warning will be issued. If this warning is ignored, disciplinary action will be taken.

HDSC will not advertise, promote or allow the sale of tobacco products in any form on its premises or at sporting events under its control. If at any time you have any questions or concerns you should send an email to our club administrator.

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