

Tobacco-free policy for the Pelham Minor Baseball Association (PMBA)



Preface

As the Pelham Minor Baseball Association (“PMBA”) wishes to promote a healthy lifestyle to all of its participants through the “Play, Live, Be Tobacco-Free” program, and as use of tobacco in all of its forms has been associated with negative effects on human health, the Board Directors of the PMBA encourages all persons associated with any PMBA event to adopt the following policy.

Policy

1. No tobacco products (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, etc.) are to be used (i.e. smoked, chewed) on, or are to be used in a location where their use can be observed from, the property where an outdoor PMBA sanctioned event is occurring (“Event”). This policy is to apply:
 - a. To all persons participating, spectating, or affiliated with anyone participating or spectating at any Event;
 - b. During all times from one hour prior to, to one hour after the conclusion of, any Event.
2. No person participating in any Event is to carry on their person or in any way have in their possession any tobacco products while participating in any Event.
3. No one spectating or affiliated with anyone participating or spectating in any Event is to provide anyone participating, spectating, or affiliated with anyone participating or spectating with any tobacco products while the Event is taking place.
4. The use of products related to the cessation of tobacco use (e.g. nicotine gum, nicotine patches, plastic/artificial cigarettes) at Events is permissible but is to be minimized with respect to their use and visibility.

Enforcement

This policy is enforceable against all participants in Events in a progressive fashion taking into account the severity of the infraction, the number and severity of previous infractions, and any expression of contrition on the part of the participant committing the infraction with available punishments including, but not limited to, written warnings, suspensions, and permanent expulsion.

With respect to all persons spectating, or affiliated with those participating or spectating, this policy is enforceable only as much as it is strongly suggested that the provisions be understood and observed in order to facilitate the promotion of a healthy lifestyle to all the participants in the PMBA.

Administration

This policy shall be in force as of July 15, 2012, and shall be able to be amended from time to time as the Board of Directors of the PMBA see fit.

All questions or comments related to this policy are to be directed to:

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