



Outdoor Event Model Tobacco-Free Policy

Section 1. Findings of Fact and Purpose

The *[event board]* finds that:

- a) Tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor activities at *[the event]* is detrimental to their health and can be dangerous to those using such facilities; and
- b) The *[event board]* has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling during *[the event]*; and
- c) Parents, leaders, and officials involved in community events are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and
- d) The tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors events to foster a connection between tobacco use and community events; and
- e) Tobacco products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of *[the event's]* facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers and pets due to ingestion; and
- f) The prohibition of tobacco use at *[the event]* serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the participants of *[the event]*.

Section 2. Prohibitions

Tobacco use is prohibited in event areas.

This tobacco policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, and members of the general public while attending *[the event]*. During *[the event]* at *[location]*, the use of tobacco is prohibited in these areas: *[list applicable areas such as all vendor areas, restrooms, concession areas, performance areas, buildings and their entrances, etc.]*

Section 3. Enforcement

- a) Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
- b) The community, especially event attendees and staff, will be notified about this policy.
- c) Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance.
- d) Any person found violating this policy will be asked to refrain from tobacco use or risk immediate ejection from the event grounds for the remainder of the event.
- e) If the violator refuses to leave, the staff may contact local authorities.

Section 4. Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Board President

Date