



Youth Recreational Organization *Model Tobacco-Free Policy*

Commitment

As an organization whose goal is to provide a safe, healthy youth recreational environment, we recognize that there are numerous health hazards resulting from the use of tobacco products, including smoking, the breathing of secondhand smoke, and the use of smokeless tobacco. We understand our responsibility to the participants of our program to model and promote healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles. We also realize that the tobacco industry strives to make a connection between recreation and tobacco, and we promise to refuse any compensation, either monetary or goods, from any tobacco industry-sponsored program, promotion, or advertisement.

We stress to leaders, teachers, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, and all others involved the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment while working with young people and encourage everyone to be a positive, tobacco-free role model. Therefore, we will provide an environment that is free of tobacco at all events.

Policy

The use or possession of any form of tobacco during all activities sanctioned by or in which our organization participates is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, all league games, tournaments, competitions, organization-sponsored events and all other performances. This policy applies to all participants: players, leaders, teachers, coaches, managers, club officials, administrators, and spectators.

Definition

Tobacco use is the possession or ingestion of tobacco in any form, regardless of the quantity.

Enforcement

Violation of this rule will result in a verbal and written warning. A second violation may cause the individual to be removed from the activity or game.

Authorized signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____