



Youth Recreational Organization *Model Tobacco-Free Policy*

Commitment

[Insert organization] is committed to providing a healthy youth recreational environment that is safe from the 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 in conjunction with the city of [Insert city] tobacco-free park policy, which prohibits the use of tobacco products on all city-owned park property, we will provide an environment that is free of tobacco at all [Insert organization] activities and events (see City of [Insert city] Tobacco-Free Park Policy).

Policy

The use or possession of any form of tobacco during all [Insert organization] activities sanctioned by or in which our organization participants are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, all league games, tournaments, competitions, organization-sponsored events, practices, meetings, 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 [Insert organization] policy will result in a verbal or written warning. Upon a second violation, an individual may be asked to leave the activity or game.

Notification

[Insert organization] will develop plans to notify players, coaches, parents, spectators, and other participants of the policy. This will include updates to the policy manual, player and parent pledges, schedule notifications, trainings, flyers, banners, website, and signage.

Authorized signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____