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## **TOBACCO-FREE POLICY**

### **Introduction:**

The Pickering Soccer Club recognizes that tobacco industry products have no place in or alongside the healthy, safe activities that sports and recreation programs provide. Tobacco-free sports and recreation programs create safe and healthy environments for our youth by:

- Preventing youth from starting to use tobacco industry products
- Giving everyone a chance to perform at their best
- Protecting people from second-hand smoke
- Helping people trying to quit

Tobacco-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).

### **Scope of Policy:**

The Pickering Soccer Club recognizes that we have a responsibility to members, their families, staff and all visitors to provide a safe and healthy environment. Exposure to second hand smoke is harmful.

This policy applies to every person entering PSC venues; including staff, officials, players, coaches, volunteers and all other visitors.

Properties designated as tobacco-free, include – but are not limited to – the following:

- Playing fields
- Toilets and changing rooms
- Club offices
- Social functions
- Outdoor walkways used by people to access and exit the venue properties

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

The Pickering Soccer Club will not advertise, promote or allow the sale of tobacco products in any form on its premises or at sporting events under its control.