



VAUGHAN SOCCER CLUB INC.



TOBACCO-FREE POLICY -Effective Date: May 12st, 2012

Commitment:

Vaughan Soccer Club recognizes that there is simple research demonstrating the health hazards of the tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. Soccer is a healthy sport and as such we have a responsibility to the players, participants and the community to demonstrate healthy choices. Vaughan Soccer Club has therefore developed this policy in the best interest of the health & Safety of the players, participants, and the general public.

Policy:

All games, activities, tournaments, competitions, practices, training sessions, events and other performances sanctioned by our organization will be tobacco –free, Tobacco free means no smoking, snuffing, dipping, or chewing tobacco by players/participants, coaches/leaders, parents, spectators and officials with 9 metres (30ft.) of any Vaughan Soccer Activity.

We will promote the tobacco-free policy at all our activities by:

1. Having coaches explain the policy to players/members and provide parents with a letter to review and share with others who may come to their game, practice or tournament.
2. Including the policy in the start-up package provided to coaches every year so all new and returning participants, their parents/guardians, coaches and officials/manager know about the policy from the start.
3. Making the policy visible throughout the year using various messages, including a page on the website, banners/signs at events, and encouraging coaches and all players to promote an active, healthy, tobacco-free lifestyle.

We will reinforce the tobacco-free policy at all our activities by:

- Encouraging all coaches, players/members, and parents to respectfully remind someone using tobacco about the tobacco-free policy
- Consistently applying consequences with people who repeatedly break the policy- repeated violations by players/members, parents/guardian, spectator or coaches may result in a verbal or written warning from the association executive. Following a written warning the individual violating the policy again may be brought to the Club for disciplinary actions which could include being banned from all Vaughan Soccer events.

Note: Under the Smoker Free Ontario ACT (SFOA), smoking, or holding lit tobacco, is banned on all elementary & secondary school properties in Ontario

A Guide for Developing Tobacco-Free Sport and Recreational Policies and By laws * www.playlivebetobaccofree.ca