



## TOBACCO FREE POLICY

(Effective as of March 2011)

### COMMITMENT

Simcoe and District Youth Soccer Club Inc. understands and recognizes that there are health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products which includes the breathing of second hand smoke. One of the purposes of our club is to promote healthy and active way of living to our members so it is our responsibility to model and encourage tobacco-free lifestyles.

### POLICY

All games, activities, tournaments, competitions, sponsored 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.

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

- Having coaches or organizers explain the policy to their players, and ask them to explain the policy to player's parents and others who may come to practices, games and tournaments.
- Including the policy in our Membership Manual and website so it is readily available to all players, their parents/guardians, coaches, managers and officials.
- Making the policy visible throughout the year using various messages, including "TOBACCO FREE" signage at events, and encouraging coaches and older players to promote active, healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles.

#### **We will passively and actively reinforce the tobacco-free policy at all our activities by:**

- Encouraging all coaches, managers, officials, parents/guardians, and other adult spectators to respectfully remind someone using tobacco about the tobacco-free policy – being able to point to the "TOBACCO FREE" signage will make this easier.
- Consistently applying consequences with people who repeatedly break the policy – repeated violations may result in a verbal and written warning from the Board of Directors. Following a written warning, if an individual violates the policy again the Board of Directors may exercise a more permanent solution by banning the offender from all SDYSC events.