



Smoke-Free Policy

Commitment

The Erin Mills Soccer Club recognizes that there is ample research demonstrating the health hazards caused by the use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco and breathing secondhand smoke, and understand our responsibility to the participants of our program to model and promote tobacco-free lifestyles.

We stress to our staff, coaches, team officials, match officials, parents, spectators and all others involved, the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment while working with young people.

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.

Smoking is not permitted near any facility doorway or gateway or any location that may interfere with the playing or spectator area.

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

- Having coaches/leaders explain the policy to players/members and ask them to explain the policy to their parents and others who may come to their game/activity/performance.
- Including the policy in team notices so all new and returning participants, their parents/guardians, coaches/leaders and officials/managers know about the policy from the start.
- Making the policy visible through the year/season using various messages and signage at events and by encouraging coaches and older players/members to promote active, healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles.

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

- Encouraging all coaches/leaders, 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 or their parent/guardian may result in a verbal and written warning from the coach/leader, or the Club executive in the case of a repeat coach/leader violation. Following a written warning the individual violating the policy again may be asked to leave the soccer program.
- This policy is in force with all Erin Mills SC teams regardless of venue.