

HEADS POLICY DOCUMENT



Smoking

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Policy

HEADS is a tobacco free organization. While we recognize that it is not our function to dictate the decisions of adults with regard to tobacco use, we do believe that we should demonstrate strong leadership to the children and youth enrolled with this organization to play soccer, and furthermore, to provide a smoke and tobacco free environment in which to do so based on the overwhelming evidence of the dangers to health of tobacco use.

All HEADS activities, including (but not limited to) the following will be deemed to be tobacco free:

- Games
- Practices
- Meetings
- Tournaments (home and away)
- Coach, referee and any other training sessions
- Fund raising events
- Team photo sessions

Tobacco free means zero use of tobacco of any kind by players, parents, coaches, club officials, referees and side line spectators. This will extend to field and bench areas, sidelines, meeting rooms, and any other areas where HEADS is being represented. It is expected that all involved will adhere to the spirit, as well as the letter of this policy.

HEADS will do the following:

- Advertise the policy on our website and in all general communications
- Issue the policy to coaches and refer parents to the policy at start of season
- Enforce, and reinforce the policy on an ongoing basis as deemed necessary
- Report on, and review related incidents at Council meetings
- Develop appropriate action and consequences to infringements

HEADS officials will enforce the policy sympathetically but firmly. Repeated infringements may result in exclusion from future HEADS events.