



POLICY ON ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Section 1. Commitment

It is the policy of US Youth Soccer and Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer to provide an environment for its youth soccer players that is free of alcohol, tobacco, vaping and illegal drugs. Therefore, alcohol, tobacco, vaping and illegal drugs are not to be at activities of events of US Youth Soccer, which includes this State Association and its members' events, for youth soccer players. As an organization committed to providing a developmental, healthy, and safe environment, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer recognizes that the health of its youth players is paramount. It is the responsibility of this State Association and its members to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

Section 2. Definitions

(1) "Alcohol" means any beverage or food item that contains a liquid produced by the fermentation of sugar or starch.

(2) "Adult" means an individual at least 21 years of age or an organization.

(3) "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer.

(4) "Event" means any event or meeting of Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, including but not limited to, the State Cups, Indoor Cups, ODP training or tournaments, regional and National League competitions, annual general meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and committee meetings. It also extends to any similar member or affiliate event also including but not limited to, state association sanctioned league or friendly matches, training/practice sessions and sanctioned tournaments.

(5) "Illegal drugs" means those substances that are prohibited for sale or consumption by local, state, or Federal law, and may, in some circumstances, include controlled substances.

(6) "Tobacco" means processed dried leaves typically, but not limited, for smoking.

(7) "Vaping" the action or practice of inhaling and exhaling the vapor produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device

Section 3. Prohibitions

(a) Alcohol, tobacco and vaping may not be displayed, used, or provided at any activity of an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer event that is primarily for youth soccer players.

(b) Illegal drugs may not be displayed, used, or provided at any activity of an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Event.

Section 4. Enforcement

(a) Any person violating section 3 of this policy shall be immediately removed from the Event by the US Youth Soccer authority managing the Event.

(b) The use of alcohol by adults at an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Event may be allowed by the Board of Directors in its discretion (1) for a specified activity at an Event if the activity is an activity that is not an activity primarily for youth soccer players, and (2) in a designated area or areas that are away from areas of youth soccer players and any field of play or practice.

(c) The use of tobacco or vaping by adults may be allowed at an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Event by the Board of Directors in its discretion in a designated area or areas that are away from areas of youth soccer players and any field of play or practice.

(d) If a person is removed from an Event for a violation of this policy, further disciplinary action may be taken as per Bylaw X of Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer.

Section 5. Modification and Delegation

The Board of Directors may amend and waive provisions of this policy as appropriate on a case-by-case basis and may delegate its authority.