



# **GLEN SHIELDS SOCCER CLUB**



## **TOBACCO FREE POLICY**

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### **COMMITMENT**

We recognize that there is ample research demonstrating the health hazards caused by the use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco and breathing second-hand smoke, and understand our responsibility to the participants of our program to model and promote tobacco-free lifestyles.

We stress to coaches, Club 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, parents, spectators, and officials.

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

- Having Club Staff explain the policy to coaches/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 our notices and Excellence Policy so all new and returning participants, their parents/guardians, coaches and officials/managers know about the policy from the start.
- Making the policy visible throughout the year/season using various messages, including logos on uniforms, banners at events and 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/staff, players/members, and parents to respectfully remind someone using tobacco about the tobacco-free policy – being able to point to a tobacco-free logo on a uniform or banner makes this easier.
- 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, or the Club executive in the case of a repeat coach violation. Following a written warning the individual violating the policy again may be asked to leave the activity or game.