WEST NIAGARA SOCCER CLUB

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & CANNABIS POLICY

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West Niagara Soccer Club (WNSC) is committed to providing a safe, healthy and respectful environment for players, families, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators. This policy applies to all Club-sanctioned practices, games, tournaments, training sessions, meetings, team activities, travel and events.

1. Alcohol – Alcohol must not be consumed, possessed or provided by participants, team officials, volunteers or spectators during youth practices, games, tournaments, training sessions or other Club activities where minors may be present. Alcohol at any Club-sanctioned event must comply with applicable law and any venue requirements.

2. Tobacco & Vaping – Smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco or nicotine products are not permitted during WNSC activities or in areas designated for Club activities. This includes cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco and vaping products.

3. Cannabis – The use, possession or distribution of cannabis during WNSC activities is prohibited. Cannabis must not be consumed or used by any participant, team official, volunteer or spectator at Club activities or while representing the Club.

4. Under the Influence – No player, coach, team official, volunteer or other participant may attend, participate in or perform Club duties while impaired by alcohol, cannabis or any other substance that could affect safe participation.

5. Advertising & Sponsorship – WNSC will not permit direct advertising, promotional association or sponsorship from alcohol, tobacco, vaping or cannabis brands. Club teams, uniforms, events, websites and social media must not be used to promote these products.

6. Team Events & Travel – Team managers, coaches and volunteers are responsible for ensuring that team activities, celebrations, accommodations and travel are conducted in accordance with this policy. Participants must follow this policy when representing WNSC, whether the activity takes place at home or away.

7. Compliance & Enforcement – All WNSC members and participants are expected to follow this policy. A violation may result in removal from an activity and/or disciplinary action by the Club, which may include a warning, suspension, removal from a program or other action considered appropriate under applicable Club policies.

8. Responsibility – Everyone involved with WNSC has a role in maintaining a safe and positive environment. Concerns regarding a possible violation should be reported to the coach, team manager, Club Administrator or Board of Directors.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the West Niagara Soccer Club Alcohol, Tobacco & Cannabis Policy. I agree to follow this policy and understand that a violation may result in disciplinary action by the Club.

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