

Tobacco-Free Policy

PSA Canada recognizes that tobacco and tobacco-related products have no place in or around healthy, safe, and positive sport and recreation environments. A tobacco-free approach supports the physical well-being, performance, and safety of all participants and contributes to a positive experience for youth and families.

Tobacco-free sport and recreation environments help to:

- Prevent youth from initiating the use of tobacco products
- Protect participants and spectators from second-hand smoke
- Support individuals who are making efforts to quit
- Promote a healthy, high-performance sport environment

PSA Canada supports global and national initiatives promoting tobacco-free sport environments, including those endorsed by leading sport organizations.

Policy Statement

PSA Canada is committed to maintaining **tobacco-free environments** at all Academy-related activities and facilities. Tobacco-free means refraining from the use of **all tobacco industry products**, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, vaping devices, chew, and other smokeless tobacco products.

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to **all individuals** entering or attending PSA Canada programs, events, or activities, including but not limited to:

- Players
- Parents and guardians
- Coaches and technical staff
- Officials and referees
- Volunteers
- Spectators and visitors

Exposure to second-hand smoke is recognized as harmful, and PSA Canada has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all participants and visitors.

Tobacco-Free Areas

All PSA Canada-designated areas are tobacco-free, including but not limited to:

- Playing fields and training areas
- Spectator areas adjacent to fields
- Club and administrative offices
- Change rooms and washroom facilities
- Academy events and social functions
- Outdoor walkways used to access and exit Academy activities

Enforcement

PSA Canada staff, coaches, volunteers, and designated officials are responsible for supporting and enforcing this policy.

Any individual observed using tobacco products will be:

- Politely reminded of the tobacco-free policy and asked to stop.
- Issued a second verbal reminder if the behaviour continues.
- Subject to further action in accordance with PSA Canada policies if non-compliance persists.

Advertising and Promotion

PSA Canada will not advertise, promote, or permit the sale or distribution of tobacco products in any form at Academy facilities, events, or activities under its control.

Governing Body Alignment

This policy aligns with the health, safety, and safeguarding standards promoted by **Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer**. In the event of any inconsistency, governing body policies shall prevail.