



POLICY ON ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Section 1. Commitment

It is the policy of US Youth Soccer to provide an environment for its youth soccer players that is free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. Therefore, alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are not to be at activities of events of US Youth Soccer for youth soccer players. As an organization committed to providing a developmental, healthy, and safe environment, US Youth Soccer recognizes that the health of its youth players is paramount. It is the responsibility of the Competition Authority of US Youth Soccer events 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 US Youth Soccer.

(4) “Event” means any event or meeting of US Youth Soccer, including but not limited to, the National Championships, Regional Championships, ODP regional and sub-regional camps, and interregional events, ODP National Championships, regional and National League competitions, the Workshops, annual general meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and committee meetings.

(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.

Section 3. Prohibitions

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

(b) Illegal drugs may not be displayed, used, or provided at any activity of a US 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 a US 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 by adults may be allowed at a US 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, the party may appeal as provided by Bylaw 703 of US 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.