

## **Mavericks Water Polo**

Policy: Tobacco Free

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The York Mavericks Water Polo Club recognizes that tobacco use and exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected. Passive smoking can lead to serious illnesses in adults such as bronchitis, lung cancer, and cardiovascular disease. Children can also develop chest illnesses and asthma from exposure to tobacco smoke. Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by York Mavericks Water Polo Club to protect the health of all concerned. The move to go tobacco-free also complements the York Mavericks Water Polo Club's desire to create a healthy family and community friendly environment. The York Mavericks Water Polo Club believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

### **Who is affected by the Policy?**

This policy applies to all athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers and visitors.

### **Timing**

This policy is effective from July 1, 2010.

### **Designated Tobacco-Free Areas**

The York Mavericks Water Polo Club requires the following areas to be tobacco-free:

- changing rooms
- toilet blocks
- indoor and outdoor spectator viewing areas
- playing areas
- eating areas
- near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground (ten meter radius)

### **Behavioral Expectations**

The York Mavericks Water Polo Club recognizes that role modeling can have a significant impact upon the young members of the club. Hence, the following individuals and groups are to refrain from using tobacco while they are acting in an official capacity for the club or while in club uniform:

- coaches (when coaching, representing the club or while in club uniform)
- trainers (when training players or while in club uniform)
- officials (when officiating for the club or while in club uniform)
- volunteers (when working for the club or while in club uniform)
- athletes (when representing the club or while in club uniform).

- Coaches and trainers will also speak to young players about the effects of smoking on performance and health

### **Non-Compliance Strategy**

The Tobacco free policy as it pertains to athlete, coach, officials and volunteer members of the club, will be part of the Code of Conduct and any violations will be dealt with in the manner of any breach of the Code.

The Tobacco free policy as it pertains to visitors will be managed as follows:

1. Assume that the person is unaware of the tobacco-free policy.
2. A staff member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the tobacco-free policy.
3. If the offence continues, then the most senior staff member or most senior club representative will verbally warn them again and hand over a formally written letter. The offending patron must also be made aware that if they don't stop using tobacco then they will be required to leave the club's facility. The letter will outline the York Mavericks Water Polo Club's policy on tobacco use and state that if the patron continues to breach the policy then he/she will be asked to leave. A member of the club's executive will sign the letter. This letter will be pre-written so that copies are readily available.
4. If the offence does continue, then the patron will be escorted out of the facility by staff and/or a senior club representative.

### **Sale of Tobacco Products**

The York Mavericks Water Polo Club will refrain from selling tobacco products.