



ROSE HILL YOUTH FC: Oxfordshire Smoke free Side-lines Policy

Overview

Research shows that children and young people who see adults using tobacco think that smoking is more common than it is. Smoking in front of children and young people can make them think that it is normal, acceptable, or OK to smoke.

Secondhand smoke is particularly dangerous for children and young people, as their bodies are still developing. As a sports club, we encourage all our members and supporters to be active and healthy.

Giving up smoking is the single most important thing you can do for your own health and the health of those around you. That's why we want to create a supportive environment for all our members and supporters who want to quit, and to reduce the likelihood of our children and young people taking up smoking themselves.

Who is affected by the Policy?

This policy applies to all children and adults registered with the club, administrators, officials, coaches, parents and visitors to our clubs designated playing area, including public parks and pitches.

Promotion of the Policy

The club agree to promote the clubs status as an Oxfordshire Smoke Free Side-lines club using the following outlets which supports the positive messaging around smoking:

- Non-smoking signs
- Club handbook
- Advertising and promotional resources (e.g. brochures, newspaper ads etc)
- Club correspondence (letters, faxes, e-mails etc)
- Announcements
- Function speeches

Behavioural expectations

The club understand that we are role models for children and young people who choose to participate in our club activities, therefore coaches, trainers, officials, club/match officials, volunteers, players and spectators will refrain from smoking in the following conditions:

- Whilst on the side lines of the pitch/park
- When they are acting in an official capacity for the club, supervising children

E-Cigarettes/Vaping

The club Smoke Free Side-lines policy is also applied to E-cigarettes which are also prohibited from being used on the side-lines.



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Non-Compliance Strategy

We encourage clubs to adopt this Smoke Free Side-lines policy. However, we must advise you that some Leagues do not have active enforcement rules against those in breach of the policy.

Once a club has pledged to have Smoke Free Side-lines, any reports of breaches received by the respective League will be brought to the club's attention and they will be asked to try and correct this behaviour.

The League will work with the club and, where appropriate, involve Active Oxfordshire, Oxfordshire County Council Public Health and their County FA to offer support to the club.

Timing

An appropriate timescale will be given to inform all members of the club in regard to the adoption of this Smoke Free Side lines policy to ensure effective compliance to key aspects of policy. We suggest a 3-month period for confirmation and promotion.

Pledge

We are proud to be a Smoke Free Side-lines club and we show our commitment to this policy by the Chairperson and Club Secretary completing and signing the form below and then emailing a signed copy to both secretary@oyfl.co.uk and michael.thurlow@oxfordhsirefa.com

Club Name: ROSE HILL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Approved by: KEVIN JUGGINS

Role in club: CHAIRMAN Date: 27/08/2020

Club Name: ROSE HILL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Approved by: LAUREN JUGGINS

Role in club: SECRETARY Date: 27/08/2020



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