

# ***Model Tobacco-Free Policy for Recreational Settings***

## **Purpose**

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report of 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency of 1992, the South Carolina Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990, and the Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings. This recreational setting, will provide a 100% tobacco-free environment.

Thus, the use of all tobacco-containing or tobacco-derived products, smokeless tobacco (snuff, chewing tobacco, dip, snus), e-cigarettes, and other tobacco or non-FDA approved cessation products are prohibited. It does not apply to nicotine replacement therapy products (gum, patch, lozenge, inhaler), which help tobacco users with cessation efforts.

## **Goals**

The goal of this policy is to provide and enforce a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all park patrons, management, employees, and contractors within its facilities, vehicles, grounds, playing fields, and at all sponsored events. This goal will be achieved by the leadership/management being supportive in:

- Exhibiting healthy behavior for all employees and the public;
- Utilizing tobacco use prevention awareness & education programming and materials; and
- Providing access to smoking and/or vaping cessation counseling and referral services.

## **Procedures**

- Prohibit the use and/or sale of all tobacco products or paraphernalia.
- Promote and provide referrals to cessation counseling services.
- Display appropriate signage in all areas (facilities, grounds, and vehicles), and provide the policy in writing (contracts, orientation manuals, performance evaluations, sports registration forms, coaching contracts, etc.).

## **Enforcement**

This recreational facility will determine appropriate disciplinary actions for violations of the policy which may include the following:

- Employees: verbal reprimands, written notification placed in personnel file, suspension, and mandatory enrollment in a tobacco education program or voluntary enrollment in a cessation program.
- Contractors: written notification of policy violation, possible cancellation of contracts, request to leave the property.
- Park Patrons: verbal requests to not use tobacco products, request to leave the property, prosecution for disorderly conduct after repeated offenses, and possible loss of facility privileges.

## **Education and Assistance**

As a recreational facility, leadership/management will be responsible for educating employees, contractors, and visitors about the new policy and providing assistance for compliance.

## **Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship**

This recreational facility, \_\_\_\_\_ will not accept any contributions or gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry or related companies. Also, this will not participate in any type of functions that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear or clothing that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on playing fields.