

# MCLEAN YOUTH SOCCER

**POLICY NUMBER:106**

**POLICY TOPIC: SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

**APPROVED: March 10, 2022**

## **Prohibited MYS Participant Conduct – Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs**

Registered program participants (players) in McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) will not participate in any MYS activities if they engage in prohibited conduct pertaining to alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal drugs (including steroids).

- Players may not possess, use, sell, give, or otherwise transmit or be under the influence of any illegal drug or alcoholic beverage, the possession of which is prohibited by law.
- Possession or use of any tobacco products (including electronic cigarettes) is prohibited during any MYS program activities including during travel to and from activities.
- Players are expected not to put themselves in compromising situations where illegal drugs are present, or where alcohol or tobacco products are being offered to, or being used by under aged individuals, or where legal drugs (prescription medication) is being used illegally. If players are at an event where illegal drugs are present, or where alcohol or tobacco products are being offered to or being used by under-aged individuals, or where legal drugs are being used illegally, players are expected to leave or risk being suspended from MYS Activities.
- Failure by any player to report such violations of this policy to a coach, manager, or club administrator may result in team suspension from all MYS Activities for 15 calendar days.

## **Mandatory Consequences for Prohibited Participant Conduct – Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs**

**First Offense:** The player:

- Will be suspended for a minimum of 15 calendar days from club and team events, including practice, training, games, tournaments, and any other activities associated with the team or club.
- If appropriate, must participate in an ADS (Alcohol and Drug Service) assessment at the player's own expense.
- MYS retains the right to impose additional penalties for any violation of the Substance Abuse Policy, including immediate removal from the Program.

**Second Offense:** The player:

- Will be suspended for the rest of the seasonal year from all team and club activities.
- Must participate in an ADS (Alcohol and Drug Service) assessment at the player's own expense and submit documentation of completion to the club for the purposes of reinstatement in good standing.
- MYS retains the right to impose additional penalties for any violation of the Substance Abuse Policy, including immediate removal from the Program.

**Due Process:** Players and/or their parents may seek redress from any actions taken above through the McLean Youth Soccer Rules and Discipline process regarding actions taken by the coach or club. The first level of review is to the Rules and Discipline Committee. Appeals thereafter are made to the Board of Directors.

Players charged with a crime in the community that involves violence, tobacco, alcohol, or any other prohibited substance may be suspended from participation in team, club and league activities until disposition of the charges. Players aware of such incidents must report incidents to the coach or manager who will present the facts as known to the MYS Executive Director. Failure to report such an incident may result in suspension from participation in any MYS activities. In the event the charges are dismissed or the member is judged not guilty, the member shall be reinstated immediately.

**NOTE:** If dismissal from the Program or from a specific event occurs while traveling, the player may be sent home immediately *at the parent's cost by whatever means is most convenient* for the event chaperones, Program administrators, and club. No reimbursement of fees will be made to the dismissed player or the player's family.