



# Historic St. Johns County Police Athletic League

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*"More than a Game"*

## St. Johns PAL Tobacco Policy

The St. John County Police Athletic League (PAL) board recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for youth, parents, and spectators, visitors, and coaches; therefore, the PAL Board prohibits the use of any form of tobacco or nicotine products in any area utilized by or designated for PAL activities.

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco product" means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff; Any electronic smoking device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah; "tobacco product" includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product. "Tobacco use" means smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices.

This policy shall be established to:

1. Promote health and encourage players to adopt healthy lifestyles;
2. Further the goal of consistency among ongoing school and community programs to discourage children from using tobacco and nicotine products;
3. Reflect and emphasize the hazard of tobacco and nicotine use;
4. Protect the health and safety of players, coaches and the general public;
5. Eliminate the mixed messages that youth receive through tobacco advertising and its association with sporting events; and
6. This policy will be in effect at all recreation sponsored youth programs regardless of location and includes (but not limited to) schools, county parks, municipal parks and private locations

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