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O-1 Tobacco Free Policy

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Purpose

Able Sail Toronto is committed to providing a healthy environment for participants, volunteers and spectators involved with our organization. We recognize that there is significant evidence demonstrating the negative health impacts of tobacco use and exposure (including second-hand smoke from the use of tobacco indoors and exposure drifting smoke outdoors) and that no level of tobacco exposure is safe. We also recognize that children and youth gain positive images of tobacco use when they see role models, leaders and individuals that they respect using tobacco.

We believe that sailing is a healthy sport that promotes physical activity and healthy living. Sailors, coaches and volunteers involved in our organization have a responsibility to model positive health behavior with regard to tobacco use.

Tobacco Free Policy

- Activities including but not limited to regattas, barbecues, practices, events and other performances sanctioned by organization will be tobacco free. Locations for each of these activities may vary, however our policy will apply to all locations while the sanctioned event is ongoing.
- This means that the use of tobacco by sailors, coaches, parents, spectators, officials, or other individuals is prohibited during all activities sanctioned or engaged in by our organization.
- Tobacco products include: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, cigarillos, tobacco chew, plug, snuff.

Policy Implementation

We will promote the tobacco free policy at our activities by:

- Making the policy visible throughout the year using various channels including our website, signage and other promotional materials.



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Policy Enforcement

We will enforce the tobacco free policy to ensure that all those attending or participating in the organization's activities has access to a tobacco free environment. We will use the following steps to enforce our policy:

- Encourage our athletes, officials and volunteers to respectfully remind individuals using tobacco at the organization's activities about the tobacco free policy.
- Provide one verbal warning to individuals who repeatedly do not follow the policy. Verbal warning will be delivered by an official representative of Able Sail Toronto.