



Leighton United Football Club

NO SMOKING OR VAPING POLICY

- 1.1 This policy has been developed to protect all players, supporters, managers, coaches, club officials, parents, carers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoking and to comply with legal requirements.
- 1.2 Exposure to second-hand smoking (also known as passive smoking) increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses.
- 1.3 **The entire club's ground at Tilsworth is designated as being smoke-free at all times. This includes:**
 - **All areas within the clubhouse.**
 - **Playing pitches and training areas.**
 - **Spectator areas.**
 - **Car park areas and driveway.**

There are no permitted smoking zones.

- 1.4 **Smoking includes cigarettes, pipes (including water pipes such as shisha and hookah pipes), cigars, herbal cigarettes and the use of electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices.**
- 1.5 The club recognizes that role modelling can have a significant impact on young people. Therefore the following individuals or groups will refrain from smoking at all times while acting in an official capacity or representing the club:
 - Managers.
 - Coaches.
 - Officials.
 - Players.
 - Volunteers.

This includes when transporting players to and from matches or training, remembering it is illegal to smoke in vehicles carrying people under 18 years of age.

- 1.6 Any person breaching this policy will be politely asked to refrain by a club representative. If the person refuses they will be asked to leave the ground (which is private property).

- 1.7 No smoking signs will be clearly displayed at the club's ground.
- 1.8 No tobacco or other smoking products will be sold in the tea bar.
- 1.9 The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Information can be found on the website gosmokefree.co.uk or by calling the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169.