



Substance Abuse Policy

The buying, selling, consuming or abusing of prescription and non-prescription drugs, alcoholic beverages and tobacco by an athlete is detrimental to his/her health and against the law in most cases. This act goes against the principles and ideals of physical fitness, well-being and Thunder Area Soccer Kids (TASK).

Players will be suspended from competition for acts that involve buying, selling, possession or use of illegal drugs, prescription medications, tobacco, alcohol, look-a-like drugs or nonprescription drugs.

First Violation:

- Immediate suspension of the next four (4) officiated games.
- The player, coach and parent(s)/guardian(s) discuss the suspension and are in full understanding of all dates of the suspension.

Second Violation:

- Immediate suspension for the next ten (10) officiated games or the remainder of the season.
- A meeting between the player, coach and parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss the suspension and ensure a full understanding of the terms and dates of the suspension.

Third Violation:

- Immediate suspension for one year from TASK.
- A meeting between the player, coach and parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss the suspension and ensure a full understanding of the terms and dates of the suspension.
- Note: A player may join the club the next year, but will be unable to play until the suspension is complete.

Fourth Violation:

- Indefinite suspension from the club.
- A player may petition the board for reinstatement after one year, with demonstrated proof of seeking treatment.

Terms and Conditions of Suspension

For a first or second violation, the player must participate in all practices, scrimmages, and conditioning sessions of the team. The player must be present at all games during their suspension. If these terms are not met, the length of the suspension will double.

For any further offenses, the player is prohibited from engaging in any activity with the team or club.

There are **no** refunds or player fees in the case of suspension, regardless of when the suspension occurs.