

POLICY RESOLUTION: TOBACCO FREE
SUBJECT: Danville Soccer Park
River Drive, Danville, PA
DATE APPROVED: April 2, 2025
DATE(S) REVISED:

The Danville Soccer Park AGREES TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO CREATE TOBACCO-FREE AREAS AT LOCAL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to secondhand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

WHEREAS tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, and suicide, accidents, fire, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, every day in Pennsylvania, an estimated 3,700 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth, and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;
NOW,

THEREFORE,

be it resolved by the Danville Area Soccer Association (DASA) as follows:

- That the areas of the Danville Soccer Park where children are present shall be designated as tobacco-free and the use of any tobacco product* or electronic cigarette, in any form, shall be prohibited hereafter;

- Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco-free areas;
- Visitors of Danville Soccer Park shall be notified of this Resolution and the designation of the tobacco-free zones as stated herein.
- Any person in violation of this Resolution shall be asked to leave and fined \$50 for a second offense.
- DASA hereby authorizes association volunteers to make periodic observations of tobacco-free areas to monitor compliance and promote awareness of this resolution.

*"TOBACCO PRODUCT" INCLUDES: (a) Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snuffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff; and (b) Any electronic 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. (c) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (a) and (b) to the contrary, "tobacco product" includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately. "Tobacco product" does not include any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where such product is marketed and sold for such an approved purpose.

Adopted by resolution of the Association's Directors on this 2nd of April 2025.