

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

The Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) is concerned about the adverse effects of drug and alcohol abuse on staff and volunteer performance, health, safety, and security. NYSA recognizes that the use of any illegal drug and alcohol at, during or near a NYSA field event is a matter of significant concern because it interferes with the goals and purposes of the association. The association further recognizes one of the most effective ways to deal with issues of alcohol and drug abuse in the youth soccer community are educational and supportive in nature designed to affect attitudinal and behavioral change. Drug abuse and dependency is a national social and health problem, with devastating consequences to individuals, their friends, and family.

It is therefore the policy of NYSA that the use or possession of an illegal drug and/or alcohol is prohibited at all NYSA field events. This includes the parking lots of all field complexes. Any player, coach, official, parent, staff or volunteer found to be intoxicated or under the influence of an illegal drug at NSYA field event can be asked to leave the area, as well as placed on suspension from any further association activities until a disciplinary hearing is held. Disciplinary action will be taken against players, coaches, official, parents, staff, and volunteers violating the policy, including, but not limited to, termination of membership or employment, expulsion from the association, referral for prosecution, or mandatory participation in a rehabilitation program. It is the responsibility of the organizers of NYSA games and events to ensure strict adherence to this policy.