



## SMOKING & VAPING POLICY

**Applies to:** All participants, leaders, International Service Team (IST) members, contractors, visitors and external partners.

### 1. Purpose of This Policy

Chamboree is committed to providing a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for all attendees. This policy sets out the rules and expectations relating to smoking, vaping and nicotine products, ensuring compliance with UK law and alignment with Scouts and Girlguiding safeguarding expectations.

This policy should be read alongside the Site Safety & Security Policy, Fire Safety Policy, Code of Conduct and Alcohol & Drugs Policy.

### 2. Legal Requirements

UK law prohibits smoking in enclosed and indoor public places. This includes:

- Tents and marquees used at camps and events
- Any temporary or semi-enclosed structures.

These legal requirements apply at all times across Chamboree.

### 3. Scouts & Girlguiding Requirements

Both organisations require that:

- Adults must not smoke or vape around young people involved in Scouting or Guiding activities.
- Smoking and vaping must take place discreetly and only in appropriate locations.
- Misuse of substances, including inappropriate or unsafe use of nicotine products, is not tolerated.

## 4. Chamboree Smoking & Vaping Rules

### 4.1 Designated Areas Only

Smoking and vaping are permitted **only in clearly marked Designated Smoking Areas**, which are:

- Located away from main camping areas
- Located away from programme areas
- Located away from retail, food, and communal zones.

Designated areas are identified and managed by the Operations Team.

### 4.2 Prohibited Locations

Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited:

- Inside any tent, marquee, structure or enclosed space
- Within participant, leader or staff accommodation areas (including subcamps)
- While supervising young people or undertaking any duty or programme role.

### 4.3 Young People

- Participants and any young person under 18 **must not** smoke or vape under any circumstances.
- Any nicotine products found in the possession of under 18s must be confiscated and referred to the Subcamp Team for appropriate welfare and safeguarding follow-up.

### 4.4 Adult Conduct

Adults must:

- Ensure smoking or vaping is discreet, safe and lawful
- Never smoke or vape in front of young people
- Act as positive role models at all times
- Maintain appropriate safeguarding boundaries.

### 5. Use of Nicotine Alternatives

All attendees should be aware of the risks associated with nicotine products, including high-strength vape liquids, nicotine pouches and disposable devices.

- Adults must store such items safely and securely
- Any inappropriate or unsafe products found with young people must be confiscated and referred to Welfare/Safeguarding
- Staff must act promptly if there are any health concerns related to nicotine use.

### 6. Fire Safety

To reduce fire risks:

- Smoking must only occur in designated areas with appropriate disposal facilities
- Cigarette ends must be extinguished safely and disposed of safely
- Smoking/vaping must not take place near gas cylinders, fuel storage areas or kitchen facilities.

### 7. Behaviour Expectations

Anyone smoking or vaping must:

- Respect other people's comfort, health and cultural expectations
- Use designated areas responsibly and keep them free from litter
- Avoid congregating near or at the edges of non-smoking zones
- Return to duties only when fit to resume responsibilities safely

### 8. Enforcement

Breaches of this policy may result in:

- Verbal reminders or warnings
- Removal from activities or temporary suspension from duties
- Confiscation of items (for under-18s)
- Referral to Welfare or Safeguarding where appropriate
- Removal from the event for repeated or serious breaches.

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