

Nicotine Addiction Policy 2005-2006

Part of the Official YAC Registration

The Metro District YAC recognizes that nicotine is an addiction. However, tobacco use is a privilege, not a right. Many districts have a no-tolerance policy on youth smoking at district events. Metro District allows it under regulated circumstances, but it is possible to have this privilege revoked. If the smoking policy is broken, the privilege to smoke at district events may be lost -- YAC reserves the right to revoke this privilege if the policy is broken, and to refer consequences to the Energy Committee.

Tobacco use is acknowledged as a serious health hazard. Though the Metro District has a smoking policy, the district does not encourage smoking. The Metro District actively supports fighting addiction to tobacco products, and strives to make district events into safe environments. Smokers trying to quit at district events will find an understanding and supportive atmosphere to help them make this important step towards bettering their lives. Smokers will find positive reinforcement to help them quit smoking at cons.

***NOTE: This is not the Nicotine Addiction Covenant. Everyone attending a district event must sign this policy: smoker or non-smoker.**

Thank you. - Energy Committee Coordinators

1. **No sharing.** Sharing of cigarettes or other tobacco products is not allowed at district events. If an event attendee does not bring cigarettes or other tobacco products he/she/ze may not smoke or use tobacco at the event. The Metro District forbids event attendees from starting to use tobacco at YAC sanctioned events.
2. **No tobacco runs.** As the Metro District does not condone smoking, no trips will be made to buy cigarettes or other tobacco products for smokers who run out of or did not bring cigarettes or other tobacco products to the event.
3. **No smoking anywhere but in the designated smoking area(s).** At the beginning of every district event, a smoking area(s) will be designated and made known to the entire community. All tobacco use at the event must be done in the designated smoking area(s).
4. **No more than 2 people in the smoking area(s) at one time.** Smoking is not considered a social activity and the smoking area(s) are not hangout area(s). A separate outdoor hangout/fresh air area will be designated for the entire community. Therefore, there are never more than two people in a smoking area. If there are more than one designated smoking areas at an event each area may accommodate only 2 smokers at a time.
5. **No loitering.** As the Metro District discourages smoking, only people who are actively smoking may be in the smoking area. Anyone who is not smoking at the district event may not be in the smoking area.
6. **No leaving cigarettes out in public.** As the Metro District discourages smoking, cigarettes or other tobacco products should not be left out in public at district events. The temptation to steal exposed cigarettes is very great; YAC and/or the group hosting the event are not responsible for cigarettes or other tobacco products lost during the event.
7. **Must attend smoker's meeting and sign covenant.** As the Metro District discourages smoking, the activity is regulated at every district event. A smoker may not smoke at district events unless he/she/ze has signed the smoking covenant and attended the smoker meeting/talked to an Energy Coordinator.

I, _____, have read the above policy in its entirety, understand its purpose, and agree to adhere to the policy at this district event. I understand that any infractions of this policy will be referred to the Energy Committee Coordinators, who will take appropriate action.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____