

# **Anti-Vaping Policy for Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy**

#### Introduction

At Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy (ACA), we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all our members, including children, teens, and adults. In light of the growing concerns surrounding the use of vapes and e-cigarettes in addition to it being illegal for those under 18, we have established a strict anti-vaping policy which comes into force with immediate effect.

# The Unknowns of Vaping

Research has shown that there are many unknowns about vaping, including the long-term health effects and the full range of chemicals present in the vapor. The potential risks to physical health, particularly to the heart and lungs, as well as the addictive nature of nicotine found in many vaping products, are concerning. Given these uncertainties, the potential for harm and the fact it is illegal for those under the age of 18, we believe it is in the best interest of our members to prohibit vaping on club property.

# **Zero Tolerance Policy**

ACA enforces a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use of vapes or e-cigarettes on club property. This is not only limited to inside our building but also extends to the ACA car park. This policy applies to all members, coaches, and affiliates of the club.

### **Consequences of Violation**

Any individual found to be using a vape or e-cigarette on club property will face immediate consequences. The following actions will be taken:

For those under the age of 18, The following actions will be taken:

- 1. Confiscation of the vape/e-cigarette and immediate removal from the club premises (or immediate phone call for parent/carer to come and collect).
- 2. Permanent revocation of club membership and removal from all ACA teams, classes and competitions (without refund for any monies paid) for the remainder of the season.
- 3. Prohibition from participating in any club-related activities or events for the remainder of the season.

For those over the age of 18, The following actions will be taken:

- 1. Asked to stop vaping and leave the club premises immediately.
- 2. On the first occurrence a warning will be issued, if a second occurrence happens within the same season this will result in revocation of club membership and removal from all ACA teams, classes and competitions (without refund for any monies paid) for the remainder of the season and prohibition from participating in any club-related activities or events for the remainder of the season.

#### **Enforcement**

We encourage members to report any instances of vaping they witness to help us maintain a vape-free environment.

#### Conclusion

ACA is dedicated to the health and well-being of our members. We believe that this anti-vaping policy will contribute to a safer and more positive club experience for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation and support in upholding these standards.