



Parks, Recreation & Culture
Administration Office

March 1, 2023

Dear Team Representative,

SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, INTOXICATING AND/OR ILLICIT DRUG CONSUMPTION IN BURNABY PARKS

A concerted effort has been made to curtail the consumption of alcohol, intoxicating and/or illicit drugs in City facilities and on park sites. Consuming any of these substances in public spaces is not permitted for a number of reasons:

- It is an illegal activity and/or not permitted under the terms of the relevant sections of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act, the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act and the City of Burnaby's Code of Conduct;
- It sets an inappropriate example for younger players and children sharing the facilities
- Concerns have been brought forward regarding behaviour contrary to the City of Burnaby's Code of Conduct

Although leagues and organizations have been very cooperative, problems still arise from time to time.

The City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission are supportive of staff efforts to eliminate alcohol, intoxicating and/or illicit drug consumption in our facilities and have requested that all leagues and teams understand the expectations.

If team members are found consuming any of these substances on City park sites, change rooms or parking lots they will be issued a written warning from City staff. If this behaviour continues, the team and the league they are registered with will have their allotments cancelled permanently and re-allocated to other groups.

This letter is being sent to all teams that play in Burnaby either on a regular or occasional basis.

Please note the above rules apply to fans and visiting team players as well. You are asked to accept responsibility for the actions of the people who come and watch your team play.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Lucas Bjerke, Supervisor of Sports and Outdoor Recreation at (604) 294-7385 if you have any questions.

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