

Alcohol, Smoking and Drug Policy

Rationale

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) strives to promote an active living lifestyle for older adults (55+) in Ontario. The desire is to meet the ever-changing needs of our membership, in which the OSGA 55+ programs are designed to offer events and activities to enhance participation at all levels. It is the view of the OSGA that older adults will become involved when friendly levels of competition are maintained. That said, all members of OSGA are expected to show and demonstrate respectful behavior to everyone (peers, officials, coaches etc).

Alcohol

All OSGA Members, volunteers and employees are not permitted to consume alcohol while participating in OSGA 55+ programs, activities, or competitions at all levels (District, Regional, Provincial and Canada Games).

Drugs

All OSGA members, volunteers and employees must adhere to all **legislation (current government statutes that signify the rules)** with respect to the use of prescription and/or non-prescription drugs while participating in OSGA 55+ programs, activities, or competitions at all levels (District, Regional, Provincial and Canada Games). Excessive or misuse of any drugs that affect participation or behavior of individuals or groups may lead to sanctions and/or suspension from OSGA activities.

Smoking

All OSGA members, volunteers and employees must adhere to all the *Smoke Free Ontario Act* while participating in OSGA 55+ programs, activities, or competitions at all levels (District, Regional, Provincial, and Canada Games). This includes, but is not limited to, the use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, and cannabis.¹

Any incident will be reported to the appropriate person or group (i.e., convener, committee, OSGA 55+ Office, etc.) who will review the incident and make a recommendation on how to proceed based on the following options:

1. Verbal warning with appropriate documentation on file.
2. Written warning to registered participant/non-participant.
3. Removal from competition.
4. Removal from all OSGA 55+ programs.

¹ <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17s26#BK17>