



# MLS ALCOHOL POLICY



NO ALCOHOL



Possession or consumption of alcohol within park premises is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED / NEVER ALLOWED**. This includes all areas within the park boundaries (dugouts, stands, walkways, restrooms, park benches, grass areas, etc.). This applies to **PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS!** If your team or your fans are seen in possession of and/or consuming alcohol, you will **FORFEIT** the game **AND THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME**. There will be **NO WARNINGS AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**

Please see below for the rule as it is shown online in your city program's ruleset:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CITY PARK.** THIS IS STATE LAW! If any program participant (or any spectator who is associated with a team) is discovered to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage(s) either on or around the field of play, the following action will result:

- The team whose players(s) and/or spectator(s) is/are found to be in violation of this rule will automatically forfeit the game that is scheduled on the day of the infraction. + **FORFEIT FEES WILL BE INCURRED**
- The team whose player(s) and/or spectator(s) is/are found to be in violation of this rule will automatically forfeit its next scheduled game as well. + **FORFEIT FEES WILL BE INCURRED**
- **Your team will not be allowed to play again until all fees are paid in full.**
- **Any team with multiple alcohol infractions may be suspended from MLS play indefinitely.**

3) **COOLERS / ICE CHESTS / BAGS / RED CUPS / KOOZIES:** If someone brings any BAG/CONTAINER up to the field, an MLS Official may ask you to show them what is inside. If there is alcohol inside, or you refuse to open it, you will be asked to remove it from the park immediately or risk forfeiture of the game as well as the next scheduled game + **FORFEIT FEES WILL BE INCURRED**. Same goes for Red Cups or Koozies, attempting to **hide** alcohol is still alcohol – IT IS NOT ALLOWED!

Should your team forfeit a game due to alcohol possession/consumption, your team will be responsible to pay the **FORFEIT FEES** for both the current game **AND FEES FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME**. **TWO FULL FORFEIT FEES \$\$\$\$**. Your team will not be allowed to play again until all fees are paid in full.