**Lithuanian Scouts Australia Smoking, Alcohol & Drug Policy**

**Purpose**

Lithuanian Scouts Australia has a responsibility to protect the well-being and integrity of every scout.

**Scope**

This policy applies to all scouts, participants, support persons, guests and parents (collectively “participants”) undertaking or associated with Scouting activities with respect to smoking (including vaping), and consumption of alcohol and drugs (including illicit and non-prescribed drugs)

**Policy Statement**

It is Lithuanian Scouts Australia policy that Scouting be undertaken in a safe environment and, consequently, smoking, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs by participants during day-to-day or off-site activities is prohibited. Legally prescribed medication for that individual are exempt. Adults may smoke or consume alcoholic beverages only where permission has been granted by the Rajono Vadas or Camp Virsininkas and a designated area has been set aside for the purpose. Excessive consumption of alcohol will not be tolerated. Junior scouts may not smoke, consume or serve alcohol under any circumstances. Junior scouts are those who are not parents or Vyciai, vyresnes seses, juru budziai or skautininkai, irrespective of whether they are over 18 years of age.

***Any violation of this rule will result in the immediate expulsion of the person from camp without refund of camp fees. Where applicable, parents/guardians will be required to collect their child.***

### **Person in Charge of a Scouting Activity**

Camp Virsininkas will ensure that all participants are aware of, and adhere to, this Policy.

Where the Rajono Vadas or Camp Virsininkas has approved an exemption, those persons must behave in a manner that is safe and consistent with this policy.

### **Consequences for Breach of this Policy**

If any scout or person is found in breach of this policy without permission, they will be immediately expelled from the camp without exception.

Parents/guardians will be contacted where relevant and must collect their child without delay. No refunds of camp fees will be given for scouts or persons expelled for breach of this policy.

### **Authority to Search**

If a leader, such as camp adjutantas, virsininkas or tuntininkas has reasonable suspicion that a person is in possession of tobacco, vapes, alcohol or drugs in breach of this policy, they are authorised to search the person’s bags and tent.

Searches will be conducted respectfully and with a second adult leader present to ensure fairness and transparency.

### **Acknowledgment**

All persons over 18 years of age and parents/guardians of children are required to sign an acknowledgement agreeing to this policy.

This acknowledgement will confirm that they understand and accept that if they or their child is caught smoking, drinking alcohol or using illicit substances, they will be expelled from camp immediately, and the parents will be responsible for picking their child up. No refund of camp fees will be given.

**Conclusion**

Leaders will handle any issues discreetly and with the best interests of the scouts in mind, while maintaining the integrity of the camp environment.

By adhering to this policy, we aim to maintain the values of the scout organisation and provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all participants.

**I hereby accept and acknowledge that I have read and understood this policy.**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where parent or guardian – name of child or children: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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