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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **No more second-hand smoke for Georgetown Soccer**

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Georgetown Soccer Club (GSC) players, coaches and spectators will no longer have second-hand smoke at their practices, games, tournaments and other events. As of February 21, 2011, all games, activities, tournaments, competitions, sponsored events and other performances sanctioned by the GSC will be tobacco free. Tobacco free means no smoking, snuffing, dipping or chewing tobacco by players/participants, coaches, parents, spectators and officials. Coaches, players and officials have been prohibited from using tobacco at events for a number of years but now that extends to spectators as well.

The Board of Directors of the GSC recognize that there is ample research demonstrating the health hazards of the use of tobacco products, including smoking and the breathing of second-hand smoke. "We believe that soccer is a healthy sport and as such have a responsibility to the players and participants in this sport to demonstrate healthy choices" says Alice Strachan, President of the GSC. "We stress to leaders, instructors, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, and all others involved, the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment while working with young people."