

**Definitions for the purpose of this policy:**

**Medical Cannabis:** Cannabis that has been prescribed by a physician to an individual suffering from a diagnosed condition or illness as a physician approved therapy that is expected to have some medical benefit, and has been obtained from a Health Canada approved medical cannabis supplier.

**Recreational Cannabis:**

Cannabis used for recreational or other purposes, which has not been prescribed by an authorized prescriber and has been obtained from a source other than a Health Canada-approved medical cannabis supplier.

**Proof of Authorization:** A medical document authorizing the use of cannabis for medical purposes, a registration certificate/document issued by a Health Canada approved licensed producer, or a Health Canada authorization document (e.g., registration certificate).

The use of alcohol, recreational cannabis or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited by any official member of Special Olympics Prince Edward Island (SOPEI) during any sanctioned SOPEI events; including but not limited to: training (all programs) and competitions/camps. Additionally, no alcohol, recreational cannabis, or illegal drugs may be used by any SOPEI member representing SOPEI at an event or meeting hosted by another organization.

Tobacco use may be permitted but it must be done so off the premise of the sanctioned SOPEI event grounds and abide by the facility's policies as well as in compliance with Provincial/Territorial Laws as it relates to public smoking. SOPEI Members who choose to use tobacco during a sanctioned SOPEI event or while representing SOPEI shall not wear any clothing that can affiliate them with SOPEI. The individual will not be permitted to use Tobacco if it conflicts with the sanctioned event schedule or activities directly related to their role/position.

For sanctioned events involving overnight stays, this policy takes effect the morning of the day SOPEI members are scheduled to arrive at a training or competition venue; or are representing SOPEI at any sporting event, and will remain in force until the last athlete departs and/or travel arrangements have been completed. This policy is in effect at all hours from the morning of departure until the time of arrival back in their home community and all athletes have departed from the drop off location.

Any member using Medical Cannabis must present Proof of Authorization to SOPEI Staff or the appropriate event organizers.

**COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS**

Are not permitted to provide athletes with, or promote, encourage or condone the use by athletes of illegal drugs, alcohol, recreational cannabis, tobacco, or any performance-enhancing substances or methods.