

**LYNDON YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**  
**PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE**

**Alterations to existing policy**

1) Purpose.

The purpose of this change is to advance the existing policy to include vapes, e-cigarettes, and marijuana to clarify the intentions of the policy.

2) Original policy.

Policy No. 8 Alcohol/Tobacco Products, Substance Use/Abuse- All Divisions

- Any and all alcohol, tobacco products and/or other drug use is strictly prohibited on Fisher Field property, Shonyo Park/Outing Club property, Lyndon State College and/or any field/property of play.

3) Proposed policy.

Policy No. 8 Alcohol/Tobacco Products, Substance Use/Abuse- All Divisions

- **The use of any or all Alcohol, tobacco or smoking products is defined as all nicotine, tobacco-derived or containing products, and plant based products including, but not limited to, cigarettes (e.g., clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes (vapes) and electronic juices containing nicotine, cigars and cigarillos, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (spit and spit-less, smokeless, chew, snuff) and/or any and all alcohol products and/or other drug substance or paraphernalia including the use of any marijuana and/or any cannabis derived product or paraphernalia is strictly prohibited on Fisher Field property, Shonyo Park/Outing Club property, Northern Vermont University campus and/or any other field/property of play.**

## **Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball League Policies**

### **Policy No. 1 Altercations- All Divisions**

Any altercations taking place, either on the playing field or premises owned or used by the League, by a player or players will result in: 1) first offense, up to a 2 game suspension and 2) second offense, suspension for the rest of the season. Altercations will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

Altercation(s) by a participant(s) other than a player (i.e. managers, coaches, umpires, or other individuals associated with the program) will result in a minimum of a one-year suspension from participation within this program and reinstatement will be done by a positive vote of a quorum of the Board. Physical altercations will be defined as any physical contact made (i.e. pushing, shoving, hitting, etc.). Verbal altercations will be defined as inappropriate or threatening language.

Altercations, which the Board will deal with, will be those which take place on property used by this League. If there is a question as to who was the aggressor or instigator of the incident, the Board will hold a hearing and seek to obtain the best information available. The Board will render a decision. All board decisions are final.

Originally Approved: March 9, 1989

Revised: April 16, 1993, 1/24/99, 3/28/11

Reviewed: 1/2016, 2/2016

### **Policy No. 2 Continuous Batting Order - All Divisions**

All regular season teams will follow the continuous batting order regardless of the number of players on a team. There are no pinch hitters in a continuous batting order. Every effort will be made to make sure teams have 12 players or less.

Originally Approved: February 28, 2010

Reviewed: 1/2016

Revised: 2/2017

### **Policy No. 3 Playing Time- All Divisions**

Every eligible player shall play a minimum of 3 defensive outs per regular season game. If a player does not get this minimum play time in a game, then that player must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs in the next game where the player is present and eligible to play. This does not apply to league play-off, championship or tournament games.

A manager may use playing time as a disciplinary method, but shall make sure that the athlete and the athlete's parent(s) are aware of why the athlete is not playing. The manager shall document said actions in writing. Manager shall inform the parents at the beginning of the season of these procedures.

Violation of these minimum play rules will result in the following:

- a. First Offense – manager will receive a written warning from the VP or the Board.
- b. Second Offense – manager will be suspended for the next scheduled game.
- c. Third Offense – manager will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

When a manager is absent for violation of board policies, a coach may act as manager during the suspension. If the suspension is for the remainder of the season, the VP will nominate a replacement manager, which shall be voted on and approved by the Board.

Originally Approved: March 9, 1989

Revised: April 16, 1993, 1/24/99, 5/23/04,  
2/28/10, 3/28/11  
Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 4 Manager Approval- All Divisions**

All managers and coaches will be approved by the Board of Directors when entering the program before regular season play begins. Each year the Division Vice Presidents will bring a suggested slate of managers to the Board and make a recommendation relative to the use of each manager. Candidates who agree/disagree with the Vice Presidents' assessment may ask for a meeting with the Board and present their own case and ask for consider/reconsideration. All Board decisions are final.

Originally Approved: March 9, 1989  
Revised: April 16, 1993, 1/24/99, 3/28/11  
Reviewed: February 28, 2010, 1/24/16,  
2/2017

**Policy No. 5 Expansion Teams- Minor/Major/Babe Ruth**

In the event that one (1) or more expansion teams are required, minor league should redraft. Little league could redraft, or if this is deemed not feasible, then each returning team will be allowed to protect up to 4 players total; up to 2 players from each age group. The expansion team or teams will then select a player from those not protected. Selections will continue until the expansion team or teams have a reasonable number of players but no more than any of the returning teams. The normal draft procedure would then start with expansion teams picking first.

Originally Adopted: February 28, 2010  
Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016  
Revised: 2/2017

**Policy No. 6 Manager or Coach Ejected from a Game- All Divisions**

At any time a manager or coach is ejected from a game by an umpire, it will be brought to the attention of the Board by way of a called meeting within 72 hours. A written statement from the individuals involved or the individuals themselves will be made available to the Board at that time. The Board will consider the information rendered and will make a decision within 24 hours after the meeting. Information from the umpire will be specific and cite the section of the rule book which led to the ejection. If the Board finds the ejection to be valid, the first offense will result in the manager or coach receiving a minimum of a written warning depending on the severity of the offense. A second offense will result in a minimum two-game suspension and a third offense is suspension for the rest of the year. Managers and coaches will conduct themselves professionally both on and off the field and will treat all umpires with the same type of respect they would expect. Once a manager or coach is ejected, the same will not coach from outside the field of play, they must leave the premises.

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Revised: January 24, 1999, 2/28/10  
Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 7 Uniforms- All Divisions**

All teams in this league above the age group of 9, will be dressed in full uniforms, which includes hat, jersey, pants and leggings when provided. Players ages 9 and below (Minor League and 5-7 year old T-Ball and Coach Pitch) will be required to wear hats and jerseys only, as their uniform. Hats/visors are a

part of the uniform and are mandatory to wear. Male players in Minor League or above are required to wear male cup protection.

Managers should instruct players that uniforms are to be worn during games only and are not to be worn as street clothes, other than on Tag Day. Players should be advised that they are responsible for the good upkeep of the uniform and any problems should be reported to the Team Manager. The Team Manager will report to the Uniform Director. Each Team Manager must keep a list of uniform numbers and the players they are assigned to and also provide it to the Uniform Director. Managers are required to collect uniforms at the end of the season and to ensure they are returned to the Uniform Director. Refusal to return or deliberate destruction of a uniform will be billed to the parents/guardians of player, or to the player if over 18, at an estimated replacement cost determined by LYBS Uniform Director.

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Revised: January 24, 1999, 2/28/10, 3/28/11

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

### **Policy No. 8 Alcohol/Tobacco Products, Substance Use/Abuse- All Divisions**

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Originally Approved: March 9, 1989

Revised: April 16, 1993, 1/24/99, 3/28/11,  
2/2017

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016

### **Policy No. 9 Player Protection of Managers and/or Coaches Child- All Divisions**

Whenever a manager or coach requests to protect his/her child from the draft, a committee will be appointed by the Player Agent (and in his/her absence the Board of Directors) and will attend tryouts to rank the player according to skills. They will then decide in what round that child normally have been picked and that child will be assigned to the team, as that round draft pick. In cases where double protection is requested it will only apply to managers and coaches who have been actively associated with the league for two years or more as a rostered coach or manager within the same league and same team (baseball or softball), prior to the request.

All decisions by the ranking committee are final and not subject to negotiations. If a manager or coach does not agree with the ranking and decides to place his/her child in the draft, he/she does it at their own risk. The purpose of this policy is to be fair and not give any one team an unfair advantage.

Special requests such as brothers/sisters on the same team and special placement as a result of travel will be handled the same as above. Players will be ranked by a ranking committee and teams will be informed as to how the "package deal" works at the draft.

Originally Approved: April 16, 1993

Revised: January 24, 1999, 2/28/10

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

### **Policy No. 10 Tie Breaker- Majors**

If, at the end of the season, two teams have the same win/loss record, the following will be used as a tie breaker for purposes of drafting and the like:

- 1) record for head-to-head competition and if the same,
- 2) runs scored during head-to-head competition and if the same,
- 3) Total runs scored in regular season league play.

Originally Approved: April 16, 1993

Revised: January 24, 1999

Reviewed: February 28, 2010, 1/4/16,  
2/2017

### **Policy No. 11 Home Team Dug Out- All Divisions**

The Home Team dug out will be the dug out on the first base side of the playing field.

Originally Adopted: April 16, 1993

Revised: January 24, 1999

Reviewed: February 28, 2010, 1/24/16,  
2/2017

### **Policy No. 12 Selection of All-Star Managers- All Divisions**

All-Star managers and teams are the ambassadors and representatives of our league and will act accordingly by promoting good sportsmanship and fair play. No one may be rostered to manager or coach more than one All-Star Team.

Every year, each Division's Vice President will solicit interest from their respective rostered managers and coaches for interest in managing their Division's All-Star Team. Eligibility rules are outlined in the little league rule book. Each Vice President will provide the Board with a list of interested candidates. Selection for All Star Manager will be done by paper ballot and counted by the Board President. Board members who also manage or coach will not be excluded from managing or coaching an All-Star Team and will not be excluded from the Board vote even if they are in contention. The results will be immediately announced by the President. Managers selected will announce who they plan to use as coaches after the all-star player selections are made. The Board meeting at which All-Star managers are selected must have a quorum of Directors present.

Originally Approved: July 6, 1989

Revised: April 16, 1993, 1/24/99, 2/2017

Reviewed: February 28, 2010, 1/4/16

### **Policy No. 13 All Star Player Selections**

Each manager will be given ample time to nominate players from his team with reasons they should represent the league on the all star team. Managers will vote for all-star selections to build a team of 9. The all-star manager will select the remaining team. Every effort should be made to select the older players if of equal talent. See following policies for further selection details.

Originally Adopted: February 28, 2010

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016

### **Policy No. 14 9/10 Selections**

All players who are interested and attend tryouts will be eligible to be voted on by the minor league and little league managers. All managers will be able to vote for 12 players and will assign 1pt to each. A 2<sup>nd</sup>

list will be established from all the players who received at least 1 pt. From this list, all (minor league and little league) managers only will assign 2pts to 6 players and 1pt to 3 players. If minor league managers are not included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round vote, minor league players could out score little league players because you cannot vote for your own team players. Managers are not allowed to vote for players from their own team. The top 9 vote getters will be on the team. The all-star manager will pick the remaining players from the 2<sup>nd</sup> list.

Originally Adopted: 2/28/10

Reviewed: 2/2017

### **Policy No. 15 11/12 Selections**

From the list of manager nominations, LL managers will assign 2pts for 6 players and 1pt for 3 players. Managers will not be able to vote for players from their own team. The top 9 vote getters will be on the team. The all-star manager will pick the remaining players from the list of nominations.

Originally Adopted: 2/28/10

Reviewed: 2/2017

### **Policy No. 16 Safety Rules and Procedures for Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers- All Divisions** **The following Safety Rules and Procedures were adopted by LYBS on 08 May 2009 to protect the players, coaching staffs and volunteers from injury on the field of play.**

1. The manager is responsible for the overall safety and management of the team. All coaches and volunteers must agree to abide by the safety rules set forth by the Team Manager, the ASAP Program and the LYBS Board of Directors.
2. While playing a game the Umpire shall be in charge of the safety of all participants on the field of play. During practice the coaching staff and volunteers are responsible to report safety concerns and violations to the Team Manager. If the Team manager fails to address a safety issue, the coach or volunteer may approach the League Vice President or Player Agent with their concerns.
3. All managers, coaches, and volunteers must stay out of the field of play unless the play is over, a time out is called or an accident interrupts play or practice. Managers coaches or volunteers actively involved in the team practice such as pitching, fielding, running bases or hitting the ball are allowed on the field of play during practice.
4. When coaching 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base all managers, coaches, and volunteers must stay within the confines of the coaches box and must stay alert at all times during play or practice. Any player coaching either 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base must in addition to the above rule, wear a batting helmet. Batting helmets may also be worn by managers, coaches and volunteers while out of the dugout.
5. Any manager, coach or volunteer who may have difficulty in avoiding an errant ball or a player involved in play, due to an injury or to physical limitations, must take extra precautions to avoid injury to themselves or to a player. These extra precautions may involve wearing a batting helmet, taking a position back from the field of play or by staying in front of the dugout. These precautions will be decided by the Team Manager or the umpire and in no way restricts the coach or volunteer from taking an active role in coaching the players.

6. No intoxicants will be consumed by a manager, coach or volunteer before or during a game or practice. This may include prescription medications if they are determined to cause impairment or immobility that may cause safety concerns.

Originally Adopted: May 8, 2009  
Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

#### **Policy No. 17 Extended Season Bid for Grounds:**

Interested parties will bid and will receive payment on a “Per Game”, Per Tournament” basis.

Originally Adopted: May 8, 2009  
Reviewed: 1/4/16  
Revised: 2/2017

#### **Policy No. 18 Player Eligibility**

All players must be at least league age 5 to be eligible to play. New players must show proof of age with a birth certificate. All players must live within the Lyndon area boundaries set forth in the boundaries map approved by little league. Waivers will be considered upon written request and sent to Districts/Regionals for final decision. LYBS follows all league age and boundary rules set forth within the little league/babe ruth rule books.

Revised: March 16, 2016, 2/2017

#### **Policy No. 19 Financial Policy**

- The soliciting and disbursement of funds shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors, and, or by committee established by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds to individuals of a team, or teams, and shall solicit same for the common treasury of the League.
- Special funds established by approval of the Board of Directors may be set up to assist in the purchase of necessary playing equipment for those boys/girls who need assistance. The Board of Directors shall determine which persons, if any, should receive such assistance, and to what extent.
- Special projects approved by the Board will be assigned to a project chairperson, who will also be authorized to purchase material. The Board will set a limit to the amount spent on each special project.
- The only bills to be paid by the Treasurer without majority director approval would be all utilities, port-o-lets and food bills.
- Any director assigned to follow through on a project would have a definite upper limit placed on his or her spending. It would take a majority approval of quorum of directors to raise this limit.
- In the case where the League might save considerably on items such as closeout of equipment, director would have to get approval from the majority of the directors before proceeding.
- Any purchase not outlined above would again require approval of majority of directors.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

#### **Policy No. 20 Financial Policy of Concessions**

- Keep assigned change in change box. Daily deposit surplus in bank credited to League account.
- Concessions Chairperson would examine all bills and give League Treasurer OK to pay them. This person designated yearly by League.

- Treasurer would make regular reports to League as to profit figures.
- Those running concessions would continue to accept collections from fundraisers (pass the hat, 50/50, tee-shirts, etc.). Record book would continue to show separate account for fundraising and for food account.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016,  
2/2017

**Policy No. 21 Complaint/Concern Process/Petitions**

LYBS encourages any concerns/issues to be brought to the attention of the respective manager first, then the Vice President of the respective league, then the Player Agent and lastly to the BOD. LYBS does not and will not accept petitions.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 22 Tag Day**

Tag Day is for Little League baseball and softball. The minimum age requirement to participate in Tag Day is league age, ten (10) years old.

Tag Day will be organized by Vice President of respective leagues and Fundraising Manager. Vice President is responsible for finding volunteers to assist in handing out tags/containers, maintaining record of players and their designated areas, dropping off players at established businesses and returning players to designated drop-off area, etc.

Revised: April 28, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 23 Game Time While School in Session- All Divisions**

No inning will be started after 7:30pm at the Tee-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minor League, and Little League levels during the school year with the exception of Friday night games. This rule applies to both baseball and softball where applicable.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 24 Internet/Phone Usage (Email, Sports Websites, Facebook)**

Facebook: Derogatory, negative comments concerning Lyndon Youth Baseball and Softball will not be permitted via Facebook.

Email communication: For any major issues, conflicts, difficult and sensitive situations, use of email for communication amongst Board of Directors and/or affected individuals will not be permitted.

Phone use on the field on play: Any delay in game or the inappropriate use of phones by rostered manager, coaches or other volunteers may be subject to corrective action. The use of phones during practice/game time by players is prohibited.

Originally Approved: 6/2011  
Revised: 2/2017  
Reviewed: 1/2016

**Policy No. 25 Late Sign-ups**

All late sign-ups may be charged an additional \$10. Because LYBS has adopted the continuous batting order, not all players are guaranteed to be able to sign up late. If all teams in the respective division already have 12 players, then Late Sign-ups do not apply; therefore, the player will not be able to sign up.



Revised: Feb 15, 2016  
Reviewed: 2/2017

**Policy No. 26 All-Star Tournament Expenses**

Any and all tournament expenses will be discussed on a case by case basis. Any fundraising for tournaments will require prior permission by LYBS Board of Directors. LYBS requires the respective manager to contact the Division Vice President and he/she will bring to the Board of Directors for discussion.

Reviewed: Jan 4, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 27 Borrowing Players- Minors/Majors/Babe Ruth**

When borrowing players, contact must occur between the Player Agent and Managers of all affected teams. LYBS recommends that a player be borrowed. The rules for creating player pools and selection of players is outlined in the Little League Rule Handbook and will be governed by the Player Agent. Player Agent will need at least 24 hours' notice to borrow from the pool. If this does not occur there is no guarantee that a player can be borrowed at which point the team can chose to play short of a full team or reschedule.

Revised: April 28, 2016, 2/2017

**Policy No. 28 Guidelines of Play- Majors**

**LL Baseball Only**

See previous policies for continuous batting order and game times.

Home team finds plate umpire, visiting team finds field umpire. Managers/Coaches of teams will be expected to volunteer as umps during the regular season.

10 run rule could be in effect after 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Up to losing team to concede or not.

**LL Softball Only**

5 run limit per inning per team in effect on innings 1 thru 5

6<sup>th</sup> inning unlimited runs for both teams

Adopted: April 2, 2016  
Revised: 2/2017

## **Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball (LYBS)**

<b>Strategy</b>	Local Policy Enhancements to Prevent Tobacco, Marijuana and Alcohol use
<b>Goal</b>	Prevent Tobacco, Marijuana and Alcohol Use in high traffic and youth areas
<b>IOM Category</b>	Universal Indirect
<b>CSAP Strategy type</b>	Environmental
<b>Evidence based</b>	Yes

### **Key Activities:**

1. *Have all staff and community partners involved in policy work review CADCA's Strategizer 31 Guidelines for Advocacy: Changing policies and laws to create safer environments for youth to understand what activities are and are not considered lobbying.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- Cheryl Chandler, RPP Coordinator, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH)
- Tonia Brown, Prevention Consultant, Vermont Department of Health
- Tennyson Marceau, Prevention Specialist (NVRH)

2. *Learn how local policies are adopted and implemented in your area by contacting multiple sources of information including municipal governing offices, town and regional planning department, local law enforcement etc.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- Tennyson Marceau met with Holly McKeon, the President of the Lyndon Youth Baseball and Softball (LYBS) to discuss important areas youth reside in at sporting functions within town limits and the policies behind the organization and town.
- Tennyson spoke with Kevin McKeon, the maintenance volunteer of (LYBS), Coach of little league baseball and a member of the Town of Lyndon Zoning Board about town and LYBS policy.
- Tennyson and Cheryl met with Rose Sheehan, previous Tobacco Prevention Specialist on what she knew about local policy and what she has done in the past within the towns. (9/12/2017)
- Tennyson also met with Justin Smith, Lyndon Town Manager to break down policy/ ordinance and location between trustees and the select board. (10/27/2017)

3. *Take an inventory of current ordinances, language in the town and regional plans and policies that already exist that would support enhancement related to Tobacco such as policies that limit tobacco use. Submit findings to ADAP using the template provided by the program manager.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- Lyndon Town Plan: Revised Town Plan adopted by the Lyndon Select board February 9, 2015.
- Ordinances of the Town of Lyndon: Effective 07/29/2017
- Ordinances of the Village of Lyndonville: Effective September 5, 2016
- Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball League Policies: Reviewed 2/2017
- Village of Lyndonville Annual Report: Year ending December 31, 2016
- Town of Lyndon Annual Report: Year ending December 31, 2016
- Notheastern Vermont Development Association: Volume 1, Regional Goals and Strategies, Amended 2013
- Notheastern Vermont Development Association: Volume 2, Regional Analysis, Amended 2013
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4. *Take an inventory of when town and regional plans expire and are due for revision.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- LYBS policy was up for revision in January of 2018

5. *Based on readiness and community public health interest, identify specific policy solution(s) on which to focus. Community readiness and interest can be assessed using focus groups, interviews with community members and/or community surveys.*

**(COMPLETE)**

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6. *Establish a relationship with local leaders and key stakeholders by:*

6A – *Sending a letter of introduction outlining the coalitions' services including education on effective policy solutions.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- E-mailed introductions of services the Prevention Services division provides
- Outlined Policy details and signage availability
- Received a letter of support in return from the LYBS president

6B – Interview partners and key leaders to understand their approach to tobacco use and history of efforts, including regional planners.

**(COMPLETE)**

- Justin Smith, Town manager of Lyndon
- Holly McKeon, President of Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball
- Kevin McKeon, Zoning board member for the town of Lyndon
- Kermit Fisher, Lyndon select board member
- Mary Marceau, former president of the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce
- Tonia Brown, Office of Local Health Prevention Consultant

7. Assess resources (human, data, financial, technical assistance) needed for policy solutions.

**(COMPLETE)**

- Terminology change within current policy to reflect the use of all tobacco products containing nicotine. (YRBS 2015)

8. Identify and contact key community partners to collaborate on advocating for public health.

**(COMPLETE)**

- Office of Local Health, St. Johnsbury office
- The Lyndon Chamber of Commerce
- Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball
- Town Clerks Office
- Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
- Kermit Fisher, Select-board member for the Town of Lyndon

9. *Conduct policy analysis and develop written summary of analysis for public dissemination to include:*

**A. *The problem to be addressed***

The language in the current policy is out of date and does not correctly cover all the basis of tobacco products which contain nicotine or flavored nicotine.

**B. *The policy solution (include any applicable model policies)***

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**C. *What the policy will do (It's positive impact)***

By changing the language behind the policy, Staff/volunteers are then able to accurately enforce the policy to those who break it. By being able to enforce the issue, all fields of play with children and adult spectators will then reduce their chances of second-hand smoke and the possibility of generational social norms.

**D. *Alternatives and their impact.***

There are no alternatives to updating a policy to go with today's time but an impact to the community is possible. Stigma behind some forms of tobacco products and myths of those products have shaped the minds of the consumers and those individuals may force a resistance to follow the policy.

**(NOTE)** *Materials for dissemination cannot include any type of "call to action", such as urging elected officials to vote a certain way on a specific policy. See CADCA Strategizer 31 for guidelines on what can and cannot be included in grassroots policy advocacy communications.*

10. *Meet with elected and other public officials to provide information or technical assistance concerning evidence of program or policy effectiveness.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- During LYBS sign-ups, Tennyson was present to answer questions about the policy to staff of LYBS, parents, citizens, public officials etc.

11. *Broadly share balanced, objective information across large groups of interest parties (e.g. parents, private sector, other non-governmental organizations, state/local policy makers, general public) to highlight evidence-based policy approaches to improve public health. Include examples of best practice and success stories from other municipalities when possible.*

**(COMPLETE)**

- Front Porch Forum
- Facebook

12. Develop press release highlighting the issue and possibly policy solutions (based on analysis and balanced summary described above). Send press release to local media including print (newspaper) and electronic (television, radio, etc...).

**(COMPLETE)**

- Press release will be conducted with other smoke-free zones.

13. Identify approach for tracking progress of policy change.

**(COMPLETE)**

- During next seasons play, coaches, parents, volunteers etc. will provide feedback to the LYBS board on the effectiveness of the policy change.

**Additional indicators to be reported to ADAP:**

13A – During the past quarter, did you attend any public meetings or hearings (e.g. Select board, planning commission) to provide information and/or technical assistance on policy strategies to reduce youth tobacco use? Yes/No?

**(COMPLETE)**

Yes, 12/11/2017. I spoke at the end to introduce myself and job title explaining what I do within NVRH.

13B – [If Yes to A] Please indicate the number of meetings attended with each type of decision making body. (Select board, City or Town Council, Regional Planning Commission, Town Planning Commission/ zoning board, or other).

**(COMPLETE)**

1 meeting 12/11/2017, (Select board)

13C – [If Yes to A] Which types of policy approaches were discussed with the decision making body (ies)? (Language in regional or town plans and/or ordinance establishing principals related to tobacco use, restriction of product placements, raising the sale age to 21, etc...).

**(COMPLETE)**

- 12/11/2017 – Introductions to possible policy changes within LYBS and no decisions at this time with the LYBS board. (Select board meeting)

13D – During the past quarter, did a policy get placed on the agenda for consideration for approval by the appropriate decision making body (ies)? Yes/No

**(COMPLETE)**

- Yes, LYBS board

13E – During the past quarter, did a policy get approved? [If Yes] please describe the specific policy (ies) that was approved, including which communities are impacted by the policy. Also please email the policy language as approved to the Regional Prevention Partnerships Program Manager. Also what is the progress of the implementation and what mechanisms are in place for enforcement of the policy?

**(COMPLETE)**

- The policy was approved in January of 2018. This is a traveling policy that will be made aware in many towns where children will play baseball and/or softball.

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