

RISK MANAGEMENT



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For the purpose of this document a member is considered a player, parent, umpire, coach, manager, committee member or anyone with a child that is deemed financial at Coastal Sparks Netball Club.

Coastal Sparks Netball Club aims to provide all members with a safe and risk free environment to develop as netballers. Members have the right to develop their skills and play netball in a safe environment at all times. Member wellbeing is of utmost importance. This policy has been designed to:

- Help members understand what the processes are in various circumstances.
- Ensure our Club operates in an open and transparent fashion.

Injury Reporting

All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players parent/guardian (if the player is under 18 years of age) on the injury reporting forms. Where required Team Managers will distribute and collect injury report forms and forward them to the Club Secretary and Registrar who will maintain a 'Injury' register.

If a player sustains an injury that is deemed serious outside of netball or during a Coastal Sparks Netball Club event, a medical certificate from a medical practitioner, specialist or physiotherapist is required before that player can resume training or playing. The medical certificate must be passed to your Team Manager.

First Aid

The Club will provide a first aid kit for all teams. The first aid kit must be kept with the team equipment bag at all times. The first aid kit must be taken to all training sessions and games. The Team Manager is responsible for checking first aid supplies during the season to ensure the bag is always sufficiently equipped.

If replenishments are required, Team Managers must contact the Equipment Coordinator to organise further supplies.

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Weather

Netball is traditionally a Winter and outdoor sport. Whilst it's preferable not to cancel games, the safety of players, umpires and officials is paramount. In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Association (Wanneroo Districts Netball Association) will determine whether games proceed or not.

In the instance for training, the team Coach and Manager (in consultation) will determine whether training proceeds. The safety and wellbeing of players and members must always be considered a priority. Games and training will not be cancelled because it is cold. However, players, umpires, officials will be encouraged to wear warm clothing when training in such conditions.

Match cancellations will not be based on player, umpire and official comfort - only safety.

Smoke Free

The Club will adopt a Smoke Free policy. This will include indoor venues and outdoor court surroundings (including training and game day).

Alcohol & Drug Free

The Club will adopt an Alcohol and Drug Free policy. This will include indoor venues and outdoor court surroundings (including training and game day).

Sun Protection

The Club will adopt a Sun Smart Policy where on days where UV rays are expected to be high, players are encouraged to supply their own sunscreen, hat and drink bottle for training and games.

Photography

Each member has the right to request that photos not be taken of their player. Online Registration must be completed to this affect.

Collection of players (under 17 years) from training/games

Parents/guardians are requested to collect their player from training and games. No player will be left unattended after training or a game. A team official must remain with any player at all times until a parent/caregiver arrives for collection. There are some players who live locally to the training courts or game day courts, who, by permission from their own parents/guardian, are permitted to make their own way home following training or games.

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Pre training checks

Team Coaches and Managers should regularly check all playing equipment and courts, including posts and playing surface prior to training. Should any issues be noted, the Team Manager must email the Club Secretary in writing, as soon as possible. If the issue is serious then training may be cancelled.

Working With Children Checks

Any member over the age of 18 years, that holds an official capacity within the club (committee, coach, assistant coach, team manager, umpire), will be required to undergo a Working With Children Check as required by state legislation. Members that require check a WWC must receive a clear check in order to be involved with the Club.

Club Policies & Procedures

Members should read and be familiar with all Association and Club policies, procedures, constitution and by-laws.

This policy should be read in conjunction with other Coastal Sparks Netball Club policies.

Acceptable Risk?

When playing any sport, you're voluntarily exposing yourself to a variety of risks for the sake of development and enjoyment. YOU must decide whether the risks you choose to take are ACCEPTABLE risks to YOU/YOUR player.