



HALLETT COVE NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED
RISK MANAGEMENT – CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Safe Policy

Hallett Cove Netball Club has a Child Safe Policy which will be incorporated as part of the Club's Member Protection Policy. *(updated September 2017)*

All members and volunteers involved with children in the capacity of committee members, coaches, umpires and volunteers within the club will be required to provide criminal history checks where required by legislation.

All members and volunteers involved with children in the capacity of committee members, coaches, umpires and volunteers within the club have been made aware via our Child Safe Information Document 2017 that they are mandated to report any suspicion of any child abuse and are familiar with the Child Abuse Report Line **13 14 78**.

Child Abuse Report Line and other help lines for children are displayed within the clubrooms and is also available in the Child Safe Information Document on the Club's website.

Strategies to Minimise Risk to Children

Hallett Cove Netball Club has appointed two Child Safe Officers to promote child safe awareness and ensure policies and procedures are up to date.

All Club Members have been advised of Codes of Conduct of Players, Officials, Parents and Spectators, as documented on the club website – refer to <http://hallettcovenetballclub.org.au/Policies.php>

Nomination forms to join our netball club at the commencement of each netball season have been amended to include a requirement that anyone joining will be required to comply with all Hallett Cove Netball Club policies and procedures.

Guidelines for coaches and officials who work with children are included in the club's Child Safe Information Document 2017.

Collection of Children from Training and/or games

Parents will be made aware of the procedure for supervision and collection of players from training or games within the club's Member Protection Policy 2017. *(*draft format May 2017)*

No child/children are to be left unattended after any training or match. In the event that a parent/caregiver is late in collecting their child, Hallett Cove Netball Club will ensure that two adults remain with the child/children until safely collected by the parent/caregiver.

There are some children who live locally to the clubhouse, who, by permission from their own parents, are permitted to walk home following training or matches.

Change Room Procedures

Hallett Cove does not have dedicated change room facilities, but rather toilet facilities.

Signage has been placed on the outside of the entrance to the toilets stipulating no cameras to be used in the toilet facilities.

Reference to the non-use of cameras, videos etc is also made within the club's Member Protection Policy*. (**updated January 2018*)

Young children are to be supervised when using toilet facilities, either by a Hallett Cove committee member or club representative, or parent/caregiver of the child/children.

Complaints Procedures

Procedures in the dealing with complaints are outlined in the club's Member Protection Policy*. (*updated January 2018*)

Cybersafety Policy

Hallett cove Netball Club stance relating to Anti-harassment, Discrimination and Bullying is outlined within our club's Member Protection Policy*. (*updated January 2018*)

Sun Smart Policy

Hallett Cove Netball Club have utilised information from the Cancer Council for awareness of being sun smart, and a poster has been placed in the clubrooms.

Hot Weather Policy

Hot weather policy for both training and matches are contained in the Risk Management - Child Safe Environment Policy and the SAUCNA booklet printed at the start of each season.

SAUCNA Policy - Summer - Matches for the night will be cancelled if the temperature is 36 or more and it will be announced on Facebook and SAUCNA website by 4.30pm on the day of matches.

SAUCNA Policy - Winter - All matches will be cancelled if the estimated temperature for the Saturday is considered to be too hot for play by the Board. A decision will be made and posted on the SAUCNA website and Facebook by 11am the morning of matches.

All efforts will be made to communicate cancellations to members via social media channels (Facebook and Team App) as well as via individual team coaches.

Training - Training will be cancelled if the Hallett Cove Netball Club committee consider the temperature at 5pm too hot for training to commence. A decision will be made and posted on Facebook and Team App at 5pm.

Smart/Play guidelines

Hallett Cove Netball Club have utilised information from the Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) website (www.sma.org.au). SMA provides leadership in the areas of sports medicine, and the healthy performance and participation of Australians in physical activity and sport. Available on the SMA website (copy in the clubrooms also) outlines details relevant to Netball (<http://sma.org.au/resources-advice/sports-fact-sheets/netball/>) including information regarding:

- Safety tips
- Environmental management
- Injury management

Pre-game equipment and playing surface checks

A club representative regularly checks playing equipment, netball poles, pole covers and the playing surface prior to both training sessions and matches during netball seasons.

First Aid Kits

A first aid kit is permanently maintained within the clubhouse for training and matches, together with ice packs in the fridge/freezer. All coaches are provided with a first aid kit in their coaching bag at the commencement of the netball season, which contains basic first aid items. Items are to be replaced as necessary during the playing season, and are restocked prior to the commencement of each netball season.

Asthma

Given the serious nature of Asthma, the Club asks that any player who has been diagnosed with this condition must ensure that a copy of an approved, from your GP or similar, Asthma Plan is provided to your Coach, and relevant medication must be with the player at all times (training and games).

Please note, extreme use of Asthma medication may cause dizziness, headaches and nausea which may result in the player or their team mates being unnecessarily injured. Therefore, the Coach reserves the right to not allow a player to continue with training or a game if they feel there is a risk of injury to the player or their team mates.

Hazardous Goods

Other than some cleaning products, which are kept in a locked cupboard, Hallett Cove Netball Club does not store hazardous goods.

A Fire Extinguisher is kept and maintained by the club. It is located in the canteen.