

South Auckland Rangers Association Football & Sports Club

Policy Document

Child Protection Policy

This is South Auckland Rangers Football Club's 'Child Protection Policy'

We want children and young people who participate in football to have a safe and happy experience. We support and respect our children, young people, coaches, managers, parents and supporters.

Our policy guides our volunteers on how to behave with children in our club. The policy focuses on how we can promote children's participation in our organisation and make it safer for them.

We support the active participation of kids in our organisation.

Players, Coaches, Managers, Parents and Supporters

1. We promote respect, fairness and consideration for all children, young people, coaches, managers, parents and supporters.
2. All persons involved with the club will have access to the Child Protection Policy and dealing with the complaints process.
3. Good practice for coaches/managers
 - a. Always work in an open environment avoiding private or unobserved situations and encourage open communication.
 - b. Treat all players with respect and dignity.
 - c. Always put the welfare of the children first, and maintain a safe and appropriate distance with children.
 - d. Build balanced relationships based on trust.
 - e. Make sport fun and enjoyable and promote fair play.
 - f. Involve parents wherever possible, and provide enthusiastic and constructive feedback.
 - g. Keep a written record of serious injury that occurs, along with the details of any treatment given.
4. Good practice when travelling with teams
 - a. As above for coaches/managers
 - b. Ensure that at events, adults (other than the children's parents) do not enter children's rooms or invite children into their rooms.
 - c. Ensure there is adequate supervision (on and off the playing fields). One adult per four children is recommended.



Dealing with Complaints

Occasionally matters arise in football that give rise to complaints. South Auckland Rangers Football Club has a procedure in place for dealing with complaints. A copy can be made available on request.

The next point of contact if not appropriate to involve the coach is your co-ordinator (eg. junior coordinator). Your complaint will be dealt with in conjunction with the Club President or other executive member.

