



Child Supervision Policy

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To all parents and guardians,

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this very important South Springvale Soccer Club ('the Club') policy.

Parental Responsibility During Training Sessions and Game Days

Ideally parents should stay with their children at all training sessions as coaches feel that all footballers, regardless of age, do their best the more their parents are involved in the club and watching the training sessions. Footballers will of course also benefit from coaches who are able to concentrate on coaching.

However, we understand the time pressures of busy parents and the need to occasionally get help. Therefore the club has implemented the following policy.

Parents of children aged 16 and under

All parents should remain with their child at all times, or nominate a guardian whom their child knows and feels comfortable with.

This guardian has full responsibility for the child, which in real terms means if they are unwell, physically or emotionally, they are able and prepared to look after them.

When a parent appoints a guardian for a training session, it is their responsibility to ensure the child is able to tell the coach who the guardian is and identify them in the viewing area.

If a child is found to be left without a parent or guardian, they will not be allowed to train or play.

Parents of children aged 17 and over

Again, parents should either remain at sessions or delegate responsibility to a guardian. If the child is left without a parent or guardian, they **MUST** inform the coach and team manager at the beginning of the session, before getting on to the pitch.

Without providing these details first, parents cannot leave their child unattended.

Any changes of contact information in future should be advised, in writing to your team's team manager.

In the event of an emergency, the team manager will contact the parent, who needs to be able to be present/respond quickly. Travel time must be considered fully by the parent.

In the event of a cancelled training session, no parent should drop their child/children at the venue without first checking the session is on.

Many thanks to all parents in advance for observing this policy at all times.