

MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY ST PATRICK'S FOOTBALL CLUB

1. POLICY STATEMENT

St Patrick's Football Club is committed to ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of all children and young people is maintained at all times during their participation as a player, coach, official, volunteer or spectator. This club as an affiliated member of Soccer NSW fully supports the Child Protection Policies and guidelines of this organisation and that of the Sutherland Shire Football Association Inc.

2. WHY

The Child protection Act 1998 sets out specific legal requirements for all organisations involved with children and young people. St Patrick's Football Club supports this legislation and the need to ensure the safety and welfare of all children and young people.

3. HOW

Child protection is an important responsibility of all committee members and a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) is appointed as a committee member responsible for child protection issues.

4. ROLES OF THE CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

These roles are to:

- promote a safe and supportive environment for all children and young people
- implement strategies that focus on the best interests of children
- increase awareness of child protection issues to officials, parents and players
- ensure that all officials and parents are aware of their legal obligations under child protection legislation
- provide information to assist officials in dealing with all forms of child abuse
- provide guidelines to all officials on minimising risk
- provide guidelines to all officials on notification of child abuse
- ensure that all members are aware of the codes of conduct

5. CODES OF CONDUCT

The philosophy behind the Member Protection policy is reflected within the Codes of Conduct for all members. These codes of conduct align all members with the values and ethics of St Patrick's Football Club. They state what is considered appropriate behaviour for ensuring the welfare of children and the good reputation of this club.

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