



HOPE VALLEY BOWLING & COMMUNITY CLUB

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Child Protection:

The Hope Valley Bowling & Community Club (HVBC) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who participate in our Club's activities. The HVBC supports the rights of the child and will act at all times to ensure that a child safe environment is maintained. The HVBC also support the rights and wellbeing of our members and volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure and safe environment for all participants.

The HVBC acknowledges the valuable contribution made by our staff, members and volunteers and we encourage their active participation in providing a safe, fair and inclusive environment for all participants by:

- * prohibiting any form of abuse against children,
- * ensuring our members have completed a satisfactory Working with Children Check where the relevant law requires this,
- * carefully selecting and screening people who work, coach or have regular, unsupervised contact with children,
- * promoting and enforcing our codes of behaviour, particularly for roles associated with juniors,
- * responding to all reports and complaints of abuse promptly, seriously and confidentially,
- * making information about child protection available, particularly for roles associated with children,
- * adopting practices that reduce risks and provide the greatest opportunity of having a child safe environment.

Identifying and Analysing Risk of Harm:

The HVBC will review our existing child protection practices, to determine how child-safe our Club is and to identify any additional steps we can take to minimise and prevent the risk of harm to children because of the action of a member, volunteer or another person.

Developing Codes of Conduct for Adults and Children:

The HVBC will develop and promote a code of conduct that specifies standards of conduct and care we expect of members when they deal and interact with children, particularly those in our care. The HVBC will also implement a Code of Conduct to promote appropriate behaviour between children.

Legal Compliance:

The HVBC will ensure that members and volunteers are able to identify and respond appropriately to children at risk of harm and that they are aware of their responsibilities under State laws to make a report if they suspect, on reasonable grounds, that a child has been, or is being, abused or neglected.

In addition to any legal obligations, if any person believes that another person bound by this policy is acting inappropriately towards a child or is in breach of this Policy, they may make an internal complaint.

Any person who believes a child is in immediate danger or in a life-threatening situation, should contact the police immediately.

Transportation:

Parents/guardians are solely responsible for organising the transportation of their children to and from club activities (eg. training and games).



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Taking Images of Children:

The HVBC requires that Club members wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows how the image will be used. HVBC will not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian. The HVBC will not display information about hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc. The HVBC will only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to our sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport and displays its successes.

Supervision:

Children under the age of [18] must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. The HVBC endeavours to provide an appropriate level of supervision at all times. If a member finds a child under the age of [18 years] is unsupervised, he/she should assume responsibility for the child's safety until the child's parent/guardian or supervisor is located.

For reasons of courtesy and safety, parents must collect their children on time. If it appears a member will be left alone with just one child at the end of any club activity, he/she will ask another member to stay until the child is collected.

Signed:

David McMartin
Chairperson

Nola Manuel
Administrative Secretary

Date:

18th October 2021

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This Policy will be reviewed in 2023.