

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Child Protection is about keeping children and young people safe from abuse and protecting them from people who are unsuitable to work with children.

All children have a right to be safe when participating in sport and recreation activities.

Purpose of Our Policy is to maintain responsible behaviour and ethical and informed decision making by participants of CCDBC. This policy outlines a child's or young person's rights as a member of CCDBC and the responsibilities of all members of CCDBC to ensure the child's safety and protection while participating in CCDBC activities.

CCDBC Child Protection Policy applies to everyone involved in CCDBC including coaches, sweeps, officials, volunteers and all other CCDBC members or associates.

Extent of Our Policy

CCDBC Child Protection Policy covers:

Inappropriate behaviour
Suspicion of harm towards a child or young person
Physical boundaries / Physical contact / Social boundaries
Supporting participants with disabilities
Taking images of children

Individual Responsibilities

Everyone associated with CCDBC must:

Comply with the standards of behaviour outlined in CCDBC Policy
Always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations
Be responsible and accountable for their behaviour.

Inappropriate behaviour:

Members of CCDBC must always be aware of the presence of a child or young person and not conduct themselves inappropriately through their language or behaviour.

Suspicion of harm towards a child or young person:

If any member of CCDBC suspects or is approached by a child or young person regarding any situation that may be harmful to the child or young person, it is the member's responsibility to report the incident or their concerns to the MPIO or a member of the Board of CCDBC.

Boundaries:

CCDBC members must always respect the child or young person by making sure not to place them in a situation that may make the child or young person uncomfortable and will take care to abide by the following:

- Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a skill and always within sight of others.
- Restrict contact with the child or young person to CCDBC organised events such as training sessions, regattas and fundraisers. Contact outside of CCDBC organised events should only be in the presence of a parent/guardian.

- If it is necessary to treat an injury a child or young person has sustained, the treatment should be carried out in the presence of another adult or by qualified first aid officer.
- If approached by a child or young person to talk privately always make sure it is in the open and in sight of other adults.

Support participants with disabilities:

CCDBC members will ensure that any child or young person who has a disability is given the same opportunities to be involved in Dragon Boat racing as any able-bodied participant. Provisions and training activities will be put in place to accommodate their needs.

Photographing Children:

CCDBC members will ensure that unsupervised or individual access to children or young people for the purpose of photography by any person not authorised by CCDBC does not take place without written consent of the parent or guardian.

It is recommended that all members of CCDBC obtain the Play by the Rules certificate in Child Protection.