

SAFETY POLICY



This Policy is in accordance with the NSW Office of The Children's Guardian Child Safety Standards. GAC is committed to the belief that all children have a right to feel safe at all times. It applies to children and young people who are dual athletes and/or choose to participate in GAC competition and coaching activities.

PROTECTIVE PRACTICES

- Children 12 years and under are to be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian/adult.
- Children and young people should be accompanied when leaving the competition area or coaching session e.g., toilets. This can be a parent/guardian or peer.
- One on one competition/coaching activities are to be avoided unless other athletes, parents/guardians or officials are in the near vicinity and in view.
- Video/photograph viewing in one-on-one situations is not allowed.
- Encourage young athletes, do not pressure.
- Be sensitive to an individual's capacity for physical activity and protect them from unwarranted pressure to participate.
- Discipline and manage behaviour – do not abuse.
- Do not let children involve you in excessive attention seeking behaviour that is overtly sexual or physical in nature.
- All GAC members and office bearers have a duty of care and responsibility to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of child members is maintained. Failure to notify when there are concerns about child abuse or neglect means that the child's safety needs cannot be properly addressed, and they may be left vulnerable to further abuse.

Concerns around the indicators of Child Abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect) need to be reported to the club's Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).

Concerns should not be discussed with any other members or office bearers of the club.

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