



HURRICANE Outrigger Canoe Club

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Guidelines for Interacting with Children Policy

Maintain appropriate boundaries.

Coaches, members in positions of authority and all club members should maintain clear:

Physical boundaries

- Use drills to develop fitness, not as a punishment
- Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a particular skill and has the permission of the athlete
- Work within sight of others at all times

Emotional boundaries

- Use positive feedback on performance, not negative feedback about the athlete
- Be encouraging and avoid put-downs

Social boundaries

- Attend sport related events such as sponsorship and fundraising events, celebrations and annual meetings, but do not socialise with athletes under 18 years old outside sporting functions unless approved by a parent or guardian in attendance
- Do not socialise with under 18-year-old athletes via social media, unless including a parent or guardian in the communication or as part of the clubs designated social media and club software platforms

Sexual boundaries

- Do not have sexual relationships with under 18-year-old athletes you are coaching, or are interacting with as a member or volunteer
- Do not touch athletes in ways likely to make them feel uncomfortable

Minimise physical contact

Generally, physical contact with athlete or participants should be to:

- Develop paddling or canoeing skill/s
- Prevent, treat or respond to an injury (applying standard First Aid communication and permission protocols as appropriate)
- Meet the specific requirements of canoeing

All physical contact by members should fulfil the following criteria:

- Physical contact should be appropriate for the development of a paddling or canoeing skill/s
- Permission from any athlete or participant should always be sought
- Athletes or participants should be congratulated or comforted in public not in an isolated setting

Avoid being alone with a child

To protect yourself and the child from risk:

- Do not isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with any particular child
- If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults (e.g., other coaches, officials or parents/guardians)
- Before going into change rooms knock or announce that you will be coming in. Try to have at least one adult with you in a change room with children.

Imaging of Children

To safeguarding the privacy and well-being of all participants, especially children. Any photos or videos taken of children during club activities will only be used for approved purposes, such as promoting club events, providing feedback of training technique or documenting activities. Hurricane Outrigger Canoe Club require explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before any imaging of children can occur. This consent will detail the intended use of the images and videos. Parents or guardians have the right to withdraw permission at any time, and we will promptly cease using the images or videos upon request. We ensure that all images and videos are handled with respect and in accordance with our privacy and data protection policies.