



1. Objective

AJFC is committed to ensuring the Club provides a safe environment for children under the age of 18 to participate in football. The objective of this Policy is to ensure that children are not left alone after practice or games.

The Policy clearly defines the expectations of team coaches, managers and parents/guardians for the pick-up and drop-off of children at any event associated with AJFC including training and games.

2. Scope

The Policy applies to all AJFC members.

3. Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents/guardians are to ensure:

- That they drop off and pick-up their child on time and not leave them at a location alone or unattended at an AJFC event
- The team coach(es) and/or manager(s) are advised in advance if you make alternative arrangements for another adult to collect your child
- The team coach(es) and/or manager(s) attending an event have contact details for the alternate adult collecting your child; and
- The team coach(es) and/or manager(s) are informed in advance if you or your nominated alternate adult are unable to pick-up your child at the allotted time.

4. Team Coach(es) and Manager Responsibilities

Team Coach(es) and/or manager(s) should never leave a child in their team alone awaiting pick-up or collection by a parent.

Team coach(es) and managers must ensure:

- They arrive on time for an AJFC event including training sessions and games
- That all children are collected by a parent/guardian or their nominated alternate adult before departing an AJFC event
- Where a parent/guardian is late in arriving for collection, request that another parent/guardian (coach or manager) wait with you and the child until they are collected
- When another parent/guardian is not available at AJFC home fields, relocate yourself and the child to the Club Amenities building at Campbell Park and await collection by parent/guardian or alternate adult with the Club Shed manager, Canteen staff or a Club Official in attendance



- When another parent/guardian is not available at another location, ensure that you move to a suitable location where other adults are present such as a Club Amenities building or canteen area; and
- Team coach(es) and/or managers should avoid transporting children to their homes

5. AJFC Responsibilities

AJFC will ensure that the Club:

- Makes available specific times when training sessions start and end for each team and the location of each session
- Request that team coach(es) and/or managers arrive before the scheduled start of each training session or game
- Provide team coach(es) and/or managers with a list of parent/guardian contact details (phone numbers and email addresses); and
- Makes team coaches and managers aware of this Policy.

6. Changes to this Policy

AJFC reserves its right to make changes to this Policy at any time.

7. Contacting AJFC

Abbotsford Juniors Football Club welcomes comments, feedback and questions on this Policy. These can be submitted to AJFC by email: info@abbotsfordjuniorsfc.com.au.