



# **Child Safety & Child Friendly Policy**

Here at Waipuna Football Club we pride ourselves in being a friendly, fun and safe club for our young players and their families. We want all participants to have a safe and enjoyable experience. We respect and give full support to our children and volunteers (Coaches and Committee Members).

## **Intro**

Our policy guides Club Members and Volunteers on how to behave with Members/Players in our Club. This focuses on how we can keep them safe and give full support for them.

## **Supporting Kids**

The Club supports active participation of club children by listening to their views and suggestions, respecting what they have to say, making sure they are involved in decisions especially about matters that will directly affect them.

## **Committee Members & Volunteers**

Promote respect, fairness and consideration of all members

All Committee and volunteer members will have access to more experienced members to support and help with workload.

All Coaches will be provided with support with handling of special needs persons or persons with learning difficulties to make sure all persons are safe and understood.

All New Committee members and Volunteers will get a copy

## **Dealing with Complaints**

We understand that occasionally matters arise in football that give rise to concern and complaint. The first point of contact for any complaint is the coach and/or manager of your team. The next point of contact (or the first point if it is not appropriate to involve the coach and/or manager) is your WFC grade coordinator.

Your grade coordinator will then deal with the complaint in conjunction with WFC Committee. If necessary, the complaint will be referred to WAIBOP who oversees football administration in our region which our club is a member of.

## **Communication**



We hold regular information sessions for Players, Coaches and Managers. Club information is regularly distributed to Coaches and Managers from WFC and Grade Coordinators for the benefit of players and their parents and supporters.

This policy will be discussed at club registration days and induction days for Coaches and Managers.

Players, Coaches, Managers and parents and supporters will have access to our policy on our club website and to a copy provided in each team's kit bag.

### **Review**

The policy and guidelines will be reviewed every two years. During and at the conclusion of each season, suggestions and feedback from players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters will be invited and where appropriate acted upon.