

Child Safe Code of Conduct

All paid and unpaid staff, including volunteers of Sutherland Shire Football Association (SSFA) are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who engage with our organisation. As such, all employees, volunteers, and helpers are expected to act in accordance with this Code of Conduct in their physical and online interactions with children and young people under the age of 18 years.

It is expected that you:

- Act in accordance with SSFA's child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures at all times.
- Behave respectfully, courteously, and ethically towards children and their families and towards other staff.
- Listen and respond to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they communicate (verbally or non-verbally) that they do not feel safe or well.
- Promote the human rights, safety, and wellbeing of all children at the organisation
- Demonstrate appropriate personal and professional boundaries.
- Consider and respect the diverse backgrounds and needs of children.
- Create an environment that promotes and enables children's participation and is welcoming, culturally safe and inclusive for all children and their families.
- Involve children in making decisions about activities, policies and processes that concern them wherever possible.
- Contribute, where appropriate, to SSFA's policies, discussions, learning and reviews about child safety and wellbeing.
- Identify and mitigate risks to children's safety and wellbeing as required by SSFA's risk assessment and management policy or process.
- Respond to any concerns or complaints of child harm or abuse promptly and in line with the organisation's policy and procedure for receiving and responding to complaints.
- Report all suspected or disclosed child harm or abuse as required by the Office of the Children's Guardian and by SSFA's policy and procedure on internal and external reporting.
- Comply with SSFA and the SSFA's protocols on communicating with children.
- Comply with current legislation and SSFA's policies and procedures on record keeping and information sharing.

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