

Child Supervision Policy

Parental Presence and Supervision at Mountain Tigers Basketball Training.

By implementing this policy, we aim to create a safe, supportive, and effective training environment for young children, ensuring their well-being and fostering their development both on and off the basketball court.

Purpose:

To ensure the safety and well-being of children during basketball training sessions, this policy mandates the presence of parents/guardians throughout the duration of each training session.

Scope:

This policy applies to all parents/guardians of children registered for Mountain Tigers Basketball Club. For the purpose of this policy parents/guardians is any persons over the age of 16+ that has legal responsibility of the child.

Policy Statement:

Parents/guardians of Tiger Cubs, U8's, U10's U12's must remain on-site for the entirety of their child's basketball training session and accompany children to and from the court and car parking area.

For teams U14's onward a minimum of 2 adults must remain on site for the entirety of the training session (eg Coach + 1 Parent/Guardian)

This policy is implemented to:

1. Ensure Child Safety:

- It is a legal requirement from Basketball Victoria for clubs to ensure all volunteers have a current Working with Children Check. We endeavour to provide a safe environment for training, but as we hire courts at Upwey and Boronia, which are also available for other organisations and members of the public to use, they may not follow the same screening process. Therefore, supervision from parents/guardians ensures adequate safety for all children.

Young children may require immediate attention for various needs, including safety in and around car parking areas, medical emergencies, emotional support, or bathroom assistance. The presence of a parent/guardian ensures that such needs are promptly and adequately addressed.

The presence of a second adult at training for U14's onwards ensures that in case of emergency/injury to either a player or coach, that the players and coach are adequately supported.

2. Provide Support to Coaches:

- Children in the 4-12 age group often benefit from the reassurance and encouragement that a familiar adult can provide. This presence can help reduce anxiety, curb unwanted behaviours and boost confidence, contributing to a positive and enjoyable training experience for all team members and coaches.

3. Facilitate Communication:

- Direct communication between coaches and parents/guardians allows for immediate feedback and the sharing of important information regarding the child's progress, behaviour, and any areas needing attention.

4. Promote Active Participation:

- Parent/Guardian involvement is crucial for our club. Parents can most often provide better emotional support than a coach who may have 6-8 players to train in a 45-minute session. You are also more able to reinforce the skills and values taught during training, outside regular sessions.

Responsibilities:

- Parents/Guardians:

Tiger Cubs- U12's: Must remain within the stadium during the entire training session. They should be attentive and available to address any needs of their child promptly. If this is not possible due to other commitments, parents must make arrangements with other parents of the team and inform coaches of this arrangement.

U14's onwards: One parent/guardian per team must remain within the stadium during the entire training session. This is to be organised within your individual team communications and is to be a shared role, similar to a scoring roster.

-Coaches: Must communicate any necessary information to parents/guardians and ensure that every parent/guardian is aware of the guidelines set out in this policy.

-Program Administrators: Should ensure that this policy is clearly communicated to all parents/guardians upon enrolment and that compliance is monitored.

Enforcement:

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a review of the child's participation in the training program. Continuous non-compliance may lead to suspension or termination of the child's enrolment in the program.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Feedback from parents, coaches, and administrators will be considered in the review process.

This policy is effective as of [Dat] and is approved by Mountain Tigers Committee.

Contact Information:

For any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Mountain Tigers Child Safety Advocate, Kate Vernon 0413 009 359