

Statement of Commitment

Every person and organisation bound by this statement of commitment must always place the safety and welfare of children above all other considerations.

The BMD Northcliffe SLSC acknowledges that our staff and volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of our juniors. The BMD Northcliffe SLSC aims to ensure this continues and to protect the safety and welfare of its junior participants. Several measures will be used to achieve this such as:

- Prohibiting any form of abuse against children;
- Providing opportunities for our juniors to contribute to and provide feedback on our program development;
- Carefully selecting and screening people whose role requires them to have regular contact with children.
- Ensuring our codes of conduct, particularly for roles associated with junior sport, are promoted, enforced and reviewed;
- Providing procedures for raising concerns or complaints; and
- Providing education and/or information to those involved in lifesaving on child abuse and child protection.

The BMD Northcliffe SLSC requires that any child who is abused or anyone who reasonably suspects that a child has been or is being abused by someone within our organisation, to report it immediately to the police or relevant government agency and the club's nominated Helen Clifford, Grievance Officer.

All allegations of child abuse will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially. A person will not be victimised for reporting an allegation of child abuse and the privacy of all persons concerned will be respected.

If anyone bound by this statement of commitment reasonably suspects that a child is being abused by his or her parent/s, they are advised to contact the relevant government department for youth, family and community services in their state/territory.

[Policy & procedures are outlined on the BMD Northcliffe SLSC website].



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