

SOME QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

“The club won’t allow parents to watch the training sessions, and have told us this is because we will put the children off”.

A good club encourages parents to be part of their child’s sports and this includes watching training sessions. However, there are some activities where distractions may cause difficulties. There are also occasions where a minority of parents interfere with the coaching. Ask the club what safe arrangements are available for viewing – and if it has a code of conduct for parents.

“My child has been getting text messages from her coach, and when I asked she said everyone does”.

Coaches should not be contacting your child independently without your knowledge and consent. Whenever it is necessary for a coach to contact a young person the parent should always be informed. Ask your child if she is worried about any of the texts and ask to see them. If you are concerned in any way speak to an officer of the club.

“I went to pick up my child from practice and the coach said she left with a friend. Should children be allowed to leave sessions?”

The club and coach are responsible for the supervision of your child during the session and should have clear guidelines for collecting children from activities. Normal practice is that children will always be collected by parents unless alternative arrangements have been made by you and the club has been informed.

What if You Suspect Your Child has Been Abused?

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