

MBBI YOUTH FRIENDLY CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

What's This Policy About?

This policy is all about keeping kids safe while playing basketball with the Moreton Bay Suns. It breaks down what adults should do if they suspect a child is being harmed or treated unfairly.

WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

This policy is for everyone involved with MBBI, like coaches, refs, volunteers, staff, fans, and players. Everyone needs to follow these rules to keep kids safe.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE IS BEING HURT?

- If someone thinks a child is being harmed or treated badly, they must:
- Tell a trusted adult at the club (like the Club President)
- Make sure the child is safe.
- Keep things private but still follow the law.
- Let the child's parents know (unless it might make things worse).
- Write down what happened so it can be looked into properly.

HOW SHOULD ADULTS BEHAVE?

Adults must:

- Be kind, respectful, and fair to all children.
- Never cross boundaries or act in ways that make kids feel unsafe.
- Report anything wrong – they don't need to investigate, just speak up.
- Never get back at someone who reports a problem.

WHAT SHOULD KIDS DO?

Kids should:

- Speak up if something feels wrong or unsafe.
- Know that they have the right to feel safe and respected.
- Talk to a trusted adult if they're worried.



HOW DOES MBBI HELP KIDS FEEL SAFE?

Moreton Bay Suns Basketball:

- Teaches kids about their rights and how to stay safe.
- Encourages kids to speak up and share their ideas.
- Involves kids in creating safe and fun spaces.
- Shares this policy with families, teams, and clubs so everyone knows the rules

WHAT TRAINING DO ADULTS GET?

Adults learn how to keep kids safe. They learn:

- How to notice if something might be wrong.
- What the rules and laws say about protecting kids.
- How to behave kindly and respectfully.
- How to help if a child tells them something worrying.

WHAT IS HARM OR ABUSE?

- Harm means anything that hurts a person's body or feelings.
- Abuse is when someone treats a person badly. It can be:
 - Physical – hitting or hurting someone.
 - Emotional – saying or doing things that make someone feel scared or worthless.
 - Sexual – touching or talking in a sexual way that's not okay.
 - Neglect – not giving someone the care they need, like food or safety.
 - Inappropriate behaviour is acting in ways that make people feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

WHAT IS A BLUE CARD?

A Blue Card is proof that a person has passed checks to make sure they're safe to work with kids.

At MBBI, every coach, team manager, and volunteer must have a Blue Card before they start.

WHAT IF SOMEONE BREAKS THE RULES?

If someone doesn't follow this policy, MBBI will take action to keep everyone safe. This could mean they have to stop what they're doing and they might not be allowed to coach, volunteer, or work with kids anymore.

RESPECT FOR EVERYONE

MBBI promises to make sure all young people feel welcome, safe, and respected. This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, kids from different cultures, and anyone with different abilities or backgrounds. Everyone deserves to feel like they belong.



YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR SAFETY, YOUR VOICE

Hi there! This guide is just for you – the awesome kids and young people who are part of Moreton Bay Suns Basketball.

We want to make sure you always feel safe, respected, and happy when you're playing, training, or just hanging out with us.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to:

- Feel safe and protected at all times.
- Be treated with kindness and respect
- Say 'no' if something makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Speak up and be listened to.

Enjoy basketball in a fun and friendly environment.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

We believe everyone should:

- Be kind and include others.
- Use friendly words and actions.
- Listen when someone is speaking.
- Respect each other's space and feelings.

STAYING SAFE

Here are some ways we help keep you safe:

- All coaches and helpers must have a Blue Card (a special card that shows they can work with kids).
- We have rules about how adults should behave around kids.
- If something doesn't feel right, you can talk to a trusted adult or your Club President.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE WORRIED

If someone says or does something that makes you feel unsafe or upset:

- Tell a trusted adult like your coach, team manager, or the Club President.
- You can also talk to your parents or a teacher.

Remember: It's always okay to speak up!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

At Moreton Bay Basketball, we care about you. We want you to have fun, make friends, and feel safe every time you play. If you ever need help, just ask – we're here to listen and support you.



IMPORTANT CLUB CONTACTS

MBBI BOARD MEMBERS

The MBBI Board oversees the club, makes key decisions, and ensures everything runs smoothly for players, families, and volunteers.

President: Clayton Richardson: clayton.richardson@moretonbaysuns.com

Secretary: Kelly Page: kelly.page@moretonbaysuns.com

Treasurer: Rebecca Le Bherz: Rebecca.lebherz@moretonbaysuns.com

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Representative director: Kate Hare, Kate.hare@moretonbaysuns.com

Development coordinator: development@moretonbaysuns.com

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Management Committee supports the Board by coordinating competitions, referees, and score bench operations to keep games running smoothly.

Competitions Coordinator: Sheree Waddell: competitions@moretonbaysuns.com

Organises game schedules, fixtures, and ensures competitions run smoothly.

Referee Coordinator: Tom Waddell: tom.waddell@moretonbaysuns.com

Manages referees, assigns games, and supports fair play.

Score Bench Coordinator: Jo Hockings: jo.hockings@moretonbaysuns.com

Trains and organises score bench officials to keep accurate game records.

BRANCH MANAGERS

Branch Managers are the main contact for coaches, team managers, and families in their branch. They handle communication, solve issues, and make sure club rules are followed during games and events.

Branch Manager (Heat, Wolves, Lakers, Bucks and Warriors teams)

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Branch Manager (Bulls, Nets, Clippers, Hornets, Mavericks and Thunder)

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