

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Rationale

The South East Sports Academy is under the management of the Office of Sport (OoS) and therefore it is covered by the Office of Sport Child Protection Policy. The OoS policy covers all employees including paid staff, unpaid staff assigned to specific roles, volunteers and contractors.

Key information from the Policy:

- Child protection is a broad responsibility. It involves minimising the possibility of harm occurring to children and young people.
- The Office of Sport (OoS) is committed to:
 - a coordinated and comprehensive approach to promoting the protection of children.
 - fulfilling our statutory obligations under all Child Protection legislation including the Working With Children Check (WWCC).
 - promoting and maintaining a child safe child friendly environment for children engaged in OoS workplaces and programs.
 - adhering to reportable conduct legislation.

In dealing with child protection matters, OoS is committed to:

- Acting fairly and without bias.
- Taking appropriate action without undue delay.
- Ensuring matters are not dealt with by someone with a conflict of interest.
- Encouraging all parties to maintain confidentiality.
- Ensuring all actions are evidence based.

Any concern in relation to Child Protection matters should be referred to the SESA Coordinator ASAP. An initial report may be made verbally but will need to be followed up in writing.