



Good Practice in the Care of Children

Principles

This guidance is based on the following principles:

- The child's welfare is paramount
- All children have the right to protection from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately

Good Practice

- Always be publicly open when working with children. Avoid situations where a coach and individual child are completely unobserved
- Where possible, parent should take on the responsibility for their children in the changing rooms. If groups have to be supervised always ensure the coaches work in pairs
- Mixed teams away from home should always be accompanied by a male and female coach

It does not make sense to

- Spend excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others
- Take children alone on car journey however short
- Take children to your home, where they will be alone with you

You should never

- Never engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay
- Share a room with a child
- Allow or engage in any form of inappropriate touching
- Allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon
- Do things of a personal nature for a child that they can do for themselves
- Invite or allow children to stay with you at your home unsupervised

If you accidentally hurt a child, he/she seems distressed in any manner, appear to be sexually aroused by your actions or misunderstand or misinterprets something you have done, report any such incident as soon as possible to another colleague and make a brief written note of it. Parents or carers should be informed of the incident

For further guidance, please contact the Club Child Welfare Office (Chris Locke)

Signed

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