

Kazoku Judokan

GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN

These guidelines are for coaches and other personal to keep members and children safe in accordance with the Children & Young People (Safety) Act 2017 and National Principles for Child Safe Organisations in creating child safe environments.

Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for children's participation

Kazoku Judokan aim to provide child-centered practices to ensure

- children and young people's rights and best interests are respected and a priority
- that children and young people feel safe and valued.

Kazoku Judokan members sign a Spectator Behaviour Policy in alignment with Judo SA Member Protection Policy (MPP) outlining expected code of conduct

Club coaches hold current Working With Children's Checks and engage in mandatory reporting in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016

Club coaches sign Club Coach Behaviour Policy on joining Kazoku Judokan

All Kazoku Judokan policies and Judo SA adopted policies are available on the club website www.kazokujudokan.com.au and Judo SA website www.judosa.com.au

Maintain appropriate boundaries

Coaches and other personnel in positions of authority should maintain clear:

Physical boundaries

- Use drills to develop fitness, not as a punishment
- Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a particular skill
- Work within sight of others at all times
- Be aware of actions that may make athletes feel uncomfortable
- Do not have inappropriate relationships with athletes you are coaching

Emotional boundaries

- Use positive feedback on performance, not negative feedback about the person
- Be encouraging and avoid put-downs

Minimise physical contact

Generally, physical contact with players or participants should be to:

- Develop sport skills
- Prevent or respond to an injury

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- Meet the specific requirements of the sport
- Physical contact should be appropriate for the development of a sport skill/s
- Players or participants should be congratulated or comforted in public not in an isolated setting

Avoid being alone with a child

To protect yourself and the child from risk:

- Do not isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with any particular child
- If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults (e.g. other coaches, officials or parents/guardians)
- Try to have at least one adult with you in a change room with children

Where practical coaches can provide limited supervision within the change room facilities but ultimately it is the responsibility of the parents or guardian to provide supervision

If harm or risk of harm is disclosed or suspected

Coaches and mandated reporters will

- Make contact with SA Police on 000 if child is at risk right now
- Contact (CARL) Child Abuse Report Line on 131478
- Support child and family (where relevant) with resource information
- Kidshelpline (1800 55 1800)
- Parent Helpline (CAFHS) 1300 364 100