

## **VALENTINE FOOTBALL CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

Valentine FC is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participating in the sport of football.

The abuse of juniors by other members or by non-members is not acceptable and Valentine FC encourages all incidents of such abuse to be reported immediately to the NSW Police Force, Dept of Community Services on 1800 066 777 or the clubs Member Protection Officer in the first instance

Valentine FC adopts the FFA National member protection policy as updated as our general policy.

### **Adults working with Children**

All Valentine FC coaches, managers, staff and volunteers who are working with children must undergo a "Working with Children Check". This must be completed at the commencement of each season - before training commences. If you are coaching/managing or thinking of coaching/managing, please go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au). The Club Secretary will maintain a register of all accredited adults and verify that list each year.

### **Inappropriate Behaviour**

In the event of suspected inappropriate behaviour, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Head Coach or senior committee member present will ask the alleged perpetrator to leave the premises immediately and/or report the matter to the relevant authorities.

Our club will maintain an open door policy when conducting training and meetings involving junior players. Invitations will be extended to all juniors, parents, friends and other interested parties to participate. All members must adopt risk minimisation measures to protect themselves from any misconceptions about their behaviour in performing their designated roles. They must realise that actions which are intended innocently by them may be misconstrued or misrepresented by others.

Valentine FC  
Committee  
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