

Risk Management Statement.

Introduction

Risk is present in everything we do, whether this is driving a car, crossing the road, doing our job or playing, coaching and being involved in football. The Australian Standards defines it as "the chance of something happening that will have an impact on objectives". Risk is not necessarily harmful; it can lead to benefit or to loss however it deals with an uncertain outcome.

Risk Management is considered on a daily basis by all leagues and clubs. In its simplest form it requires no specialist skills (e.g. putting up goal post padding). It is about considering how likely a negative event will occur and if this event is to occur, what impact will it have on the club. Decisions are then made about what to do about that risk. Should the club accept the risk and do nothing; should the club do something to make the negative event less likely to occur and / or should the club transfer the risk – i.e. get appropriate insurance.

Given the increasing desire of people to hold organisations accountable for their actions and the difficulty in obtaining appropriate insurance, Risk Management is a crucial aspect to modern management of football at all levels and control of, or elimination of the Risk is essential.

Policy Statement

The Research Junior Football Club will introduce appropriate Risk Management Policies and Procedures relevant to the Clubs requirements, it will also introduce current member Policies and Updates and as a minimum these Policies and Procedures will include a high standard of compliance with the following matters:

- Codes of Conduct
- Racial and Religious tolerance
- Infectious Diseases Policy (Blood Rule)
- Anti Doping Policy (Drugs in Sport)
- Ground and Venue Inspections Policy – Including match cancellations
- Playing Arena Requirements – including distance from fence to boundary
- Insurance Levels – as per League Membership Agreement
- Accreditation Requirements policy – Coaches, Trainers, Administrators
- Police Screening – Working with Children Accreditation

The Committee of the Research Junior Football Club views this as an appropriate method of minimizing the risks associated with the day to day running of the football club and its activities. It will also help to promote a safe and healthy environment for all of the Players, Members, Families and Visitors that attend the Research Junior Football Club.

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