



Missing Children Guidelines

Sale Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The Club has therefore issued the following guidelines for missing children.

If a child, for whom the club has responsibility goes missing, the following guidelines have been devised to define clarify the action which will be taken:

- The relevant team manager or coach will ensure other children in their care are looked after appropriately while a search is organised for the child concerned;
- The child's parents will be informed if they are present at the event, or an appropriate person will be nominated to telephone them and advise of the concern. Reassure them you are doing all you can to locate their child. Remember the child may contact the parents directly so this action is very important;
- All available responsible adults will be organised by areas to be searched. It is best to take a short time to organise the search properly so that all places are searched fully;
- The area in which the child has gone missing will be fully searched, including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the club's grounds;
- All those searching will be requested to report back to a nominated adult at a specific point; This nominated person should remain at this reference point and make a note of events, including a detailed physical description of the child. This should include approximate height, build, hair and eye colour as well as the clothing the child was wearing and where and when they were last seen. All this will be required by

the police. If the search is unsuccessful the police will be contacted;

- A report should go to the police no later than 20 minutes after the child's disappearance is noted, even if the search is not complete;
- If the police recommend further action before they get involved, follow their Guidance;
- If the police act upon the concern, always be guided by them in any further actions to take;
- At any stage when the child is located, ensure you inform all adults involved including the parents, searchers and the police if, by then, they are involved;
- All missing child incidents **MUST BE** notified at the very earliest opportunity to the Club Welfare Officer, who must immediately notify the County Welfare Officer, and they must then notify the ECB Child Protection Team

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This policy has been reviewed and readopted in accordance with the ECB Safe Hands Policy, and as part of Sale Cricket Club's commitment to provide access to cricket in a safe, inclusive and positive environment.

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