**NURIOOTPA HOCKEY CLUB**

**PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF CHILDREN POLICY**

**Introduction**

The Nuriootpa Hockey Club Inc. is dedicated to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all children and young people participating in our activities.

**Purpose**

This policy aims to ensure that children and young people are not left alone before or after practice or games.

**Policy**

The Nuriootpa Hockey Club will:

* Ensure parents/guardians and children are informed about practice and game schedules, including pickup and drop-off times.
* Require coaches and Club officials to arrive before scheduled practice or game times.
* Provide coaches with a register of parent/guardian emergency contact numbers and ensure they have access to a phone.
* Encourage parents/guardians of U8 – U12 players to remain present during training and games.
* Ensure training sessions conclude at the pre-arranged finish time.
* If a parent/guardian is late or absent for pickup, coaches/managers will attempt to contact them and remain with the child until they arrive. If necessary, a club committee member may supervise the child.
* Prohibit coaches from transporting children home without explicit permission from the parent/guardian. If contact cannot be established after multiple attempts, the coach must notify the President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Club and, if necessary, the Police.
* Under no circumstances will children be left unsupervised after training.

The Nuriootpa Hockey Club requests that all parents/guardians:

* Pick up their children on time or arrange alternative transportation.
* Inform the coach of any changes to pick up arrangements.
* Supervise their child before scheduled training, as Club supervision does not commence until the designated training time.
* Ensure children do not enter the training areas (e.g., Stockwell turf pitch) before their scheduled training time.

**Non-Compliance**

Parents/guardians who repeatedly fail to collect their children on time, resulting in a coach having to wait, will be reported to the committee and may face disciplinary action.

The Nuriootpa Hockey Club expects parents/guardians to act responsibly at all times.

Authorised and Endorsed by the Nuriootpa Hockey Club Committee 2025