



Child Protection Policy

General Overview

This document outlines the obligations/expectations of Leighton Fun Runners (“Club”) as well as the expected behaviours of individual Club members regarding the protection and welfare of under 16-year olds who may attend or be involved with organised club events.

The Club does not have a junior section and does not accept membership requests from under 16s. However, Club members should always act to ensure the safety of juniors attending or participating in any event organised by the Club.

At all times the Club expects its members to be aware of their language and behaviour around juniors and act accordingly.

It is not advisable for any Club member to be alone with a junior in private. Members should always interact with juniors in an open environment and maintain an appropriate distance.

Junior attendees attending Club nights

It is permissible for juniors under 16 to attend a Club meeting and participate in a Club event if they are under the direct supervision of a designated adult (within arm’s reach). This adult should ideally be the parent or guardian but can be an adult specifically designated by the parent or guardian.

The designated adult must remain with the junior at all times and cannot pass this responsibility onto another Club member nor leave the junior unsupervised.

Under no circumstances is it acceptable for the Club to designate an adult to supervise a junior who has just turned up to run with the club.

Juniors at Club Organised Events

The Club regularly organises events which attract juniors both as participants and as spectators. Processes and procedures must be in place to deal with the following circumstances:

- A child approaching a marshal after separation from their parent(s)
- Adult reporting a lost child.
- A junior requiring first aid whilst out on the race course.
- Keeping the start line clear of young children.

Reporting suspicious or unacceptable behaviours.

Any concern about a junior’s welfare should be addressed, in the first instance, to the parent or guardian of the child. Suspected criminal activity should always be reported directly to the police.