



### Transportation Policy

Generally, our approach means that parents are responsible for transportation to and from club play, practice sessions and matches.

#### Home Fixtures, Club Play and Practice Sessions

1. The Match Secretary/Managers of the respective teams will inform parents/guardians of the date, venue, arrival time and finish time.
2. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for their child to get to the venue for the stated time, either by transporting their own child or making arrangements with other parents.
3. It is the parent or carer's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for their child to be returned from the venue to home by, transporting their own child or making arrangements with other parents.

#### Away Fixtures

1. The Match Secretary/Managers of the respective teams will inform parents/guardians of the date, arrival time, venue of the game and finish time.
2. It is the parent /guardian's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for their child to get to the venue for the stated time, either by transporting their own child or making arrangements with other parents. If travelling in another parent's car it is the responsibility of a parent to give permission for their child to travel, as the club is not responsible for these arrangements.
3. It is also the parent or guardian's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for their child to be returned from the venue to home, by transporting their own child or making arrangements with other parents.
4. The respective team manager will undertake to check at the end of a game that all children have been collected. In the event of arrangements breaking down, the team manager will attempt to contact the parent/carer and agree a new arrangement.
5. Should the team manager be unable to make any contact they will take responsibility for ensuring that the child is returned.

#### Coaches/club officials

Transport provided by coaches/club officials to away fixtures will be in exceptional circumstances.

If transport is for any reason provided by coaches/club officials via the use of coaches/minibuses, or via privately owned cars the following guidelines must be followed:

- drivers must ensure the safety of passengers



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- drivers must ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy and they have a valid licence and insurance cover
- drivers must only use vehicles fitted with seat belts and must ensure that their passengers are wearing these when in transit
- drivers must be aware of their legal obligations when transporting young players
- parents/guardians must give permission if their child/children are being transported in another adult's car, unless in exceptional circumstances
- clear information on the expected times of departure and arrival needs to be communicated to relevant people i.e. parents/guardians/carers
- drivers should not be alone with a young person in the car at any time. If this situation unavoidably arises, drivers need to ensure that the young person is in the back of the car

### Senior Teams

If a junior member is playing on a senior team this same policy and guideline applies though it is understood that on occasions the junior member may require transportation to an away fixture.

If this is necessary, senior members should ensure they are not alone with the young person in the car at any time and if this situation unavoidably arises the senior member needs to ensure that the young person is in the back of the car.

This policy should be reviewed every two years

Date Agreed by Club Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Review \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: ..... Club Chair

Signature: ..... Club Secretary