



# **Child Risk Management Policy**

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## Statement of Commitment

The Brisbane Churches Touch Association Inc. is committed to providing services to children and young people to assist them to develop:

- touch football skills
- an appreciation of team sport
- their network of friends and teammates

Our organisation is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and will endeavour to provide a safe and supportive service environment for children and young people by adopting appropriate policies and procedures.

The following values reflect the objectives that we are committed to promoting within our organisation.

- To promote fellowship, cooperation, good sportsmanship and a sense of friendly competition between all concerned
- To keep participation within the financial reach of all people
- To foster the growth of the Association and the development of its players

## Blue Cards

All persons engaged by the Association to run junior clinics, manage junior teams, or referee junior matches are required to have a current [Blue Card](#) (or interstate equivalent) that is linked to the BCTA. The Association will maintain a register of current Blue Card holders and expiry dates.

## Applicability

This Code of Conduct applies to all persons who have dealings with the BCTA, including all: employees and contractors, volunteers, other children and young people, parents and caregivers, spectators, committee members, visitors, and spectators.

It should be implemented in conjunction with our existing [policies](#), particularly our [Member Protection Policy](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

## Code of Conduct

### Supervision of children

Children participating in training clinics or matches must be adequately supervised at all times by the coach, team manager and/or match referee/s.

### Uncollected Children

In the case of a child or children not being collected at the end of their training session or match, the nominated parent or caregiver (as per the registration) will be contacted.

### Physical contact

It may be appropriate to initiate physical contact in the following circumstances:

- for instructional purposes
- to develop a skill
- injury management

Inappropriate physical contact includes all:

- violent or aggressive behaviour such as hitting, kicking, slapping or pushing
- kissing
- touching of a sexual nature
- private contact between an adult and child

### Behaviour management

Any complaints resulting from a breach or alleged breach will be dealt with under s. 10 of our [Member Protection Policy](#).

### First aid, change rooms and toilets

Children under 14 years who need to use a change room or toilet must do so in groups of two or more.

### Managing injuries or illnesses

First aid may be provided as appropriate where a child who is sick or injured. Parents or caregivers will be notified accordingly as where this occurs.

### Social media policy

Individuals must not take photographs or videos of a child or young person while participating in BCTA activities without the express permission of the parent or caregiver, and the BCTA.

### Smoking, alcohol consumption and the use of medications and drugs

Refer to existing [BCTA policies](#).

### Confidentiality of information

All personal information regarding children and their parents and caregivers will be handled in line with our [Privacy Policy](#).