

Manning Park Amateur Sailing Club (MPASC)

GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP)

Professional Boundaries.

Examples of how to maintain Professional Boundaries when interacting with CYP include, **but are not limited to**, the following;

Professional Boundaries	Do	Don't
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use drills only to develop fitness and skills • Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a particular skill and has the permission of the CYP. • Work within sight of other members at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use drills as punishment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, limit physical contact with CYPs to situations specifically for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching Sailing Skills - Treating injuries/illness - Preventing or responding to an injury. - Meeting the specific requirements of a MPASC event or function. • Request permission from the CYP and/or their parent/carer before any physical interactions for the purposes of teaching a skills or attending to injuries/illness. • Congratulate or comfort CYPs in public areas, NOT in an isolated setting. 	

Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use positive feedback on performance, not negative feedback about the person. • Be encouraging and avoid put-downs • If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults (<i>eg; other club members, officials or parents/guardians</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an emotional dependency between yourself and the child or young person • isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with any particular child.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform MPASC if you have a family or friend connection with a CYP outside of the club. • Always include CYP parents/carers in all phone, online and social media interactions. • Attend MPASC related events such as sponsorship and fundraising events, celebrations, and annual meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialise with CYP members on your own, outside MPASC activities and functions, unless you have declared the family/friend connection with the club and parents/carers are notified. • Socialise with CYP members personally via social media.
Sexual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information to CYP and all members and visitors about their rights and responsibilities regarding Child Safe behaviours. • Monitor and respond to concerns involving alleged inappropriate behaviours regarding any member, including members under 18yrs old. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in any sexual relationships, grooming or behaviours that may be deemed sexual with or in front of CYPs. • This may include, but is not limited to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - comments, - jokes, - touching, - flirting, - filming, photography, - social media interactions, that may be of a sexual or inappropriate nature.
Bathrooms and Change Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before going into change rooms knock or announce that you will be coming in. • Try to have at least one adult with you in a change room with CYP. • Use closed cubicles to get changed in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get changed in front of CYP

<p>Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate clearly with family/carers if an urgent situation requires you to transport a CYP on your own. • Inform the Commodore or other MPASC official if you need to transport a CYP. • Ask the CYP to sit in the back seat of your vehicle, if possible. 	<p>Transport a CYP unless;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specifically approved by their carer and the Commodore and other MPASC official. • Parents/carers have been notified and approve.
<p>Photography / Video</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominate a club member to take photos or video footage of CYP at events. • Remind all members of their responsibility to maintain Child Safe conduct and standards at all times. • Delete photos/videos from personal phones as soon as possible after use. • Inform all club members; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - photos / videos may be posted on MPASC Social Media and website - Include information about photography/videos on membership applications forms - Request permission from all members to post photos / videos on social media and websites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take photos / videos of members in or around the bathrooms / change rooms. • Take photos / videos of CYP without their permission and permission of parents/carers. • Post photos/videos of CYP on MPASC Social Media and website without permission of parents/carers and CYP.

