



Transportation Policy

Transportation to & from training and matches

- While the coaches and club will be responsible for young people in their care, it is the responsibility of the parents / carers to transport their child to and from training and matches.
- Private cars will not be used by coaches or other club representatives to transport young people (other than their own) to and from training or matches unless this is the only feasible method of travel. In these instances the driver must ensure the following:
 - Their vehicle is roadworthy and that they have a valid licence and insurance cover.
 - All passengers are wearing seatbelts.
 - Written permission has been received from the child's parents for their child to be transported in another adult's car.
 - Clear information on the expected time of collection and drop off by the driver has been communicated to the child's parents / carers.
 - If the driver is alone with the young person in the car at any time, the young person must always be seated in the back of the car.
- The club will provide a contact number to all parents and carers of young people registered with the club. This should be used by the parents or carers to notify the club if the parents or carers will be late to collect their child from any training session or match.
- If a parent or carer is late collecting their child from training or matches the club representative responsible for the young person will:
 - Check the club contact number for any information regarding the young person concerned.
 - Attempt to contact the parent or carer using the contact numbers provided on the membership form submitted if no notice of late arrival has been left.
 - Wait with the young person at the location the training or match took place.
 - Remind the parents or carers of the club's policy relating to late collection.
 - Report the situation to Social Services or the Police if the child's parents or carers remain uncontactable beyond a reasonable length of time.
- Club representative waiting with a young person due to the late arrival of the parents or carers to collect them should avoid:
 - Taking the child home or to any other location.
 - Asking the child to wait in a vehicle, or anywhere they are alone with the child.
 - Sending the child home with anyone other than the child's parents or carers without the permission of the parents or carers.