



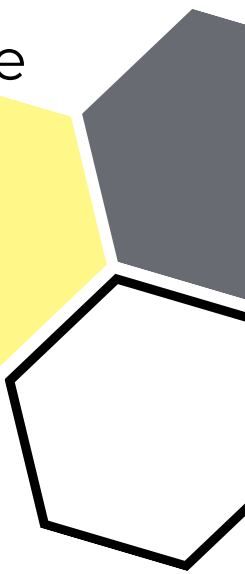
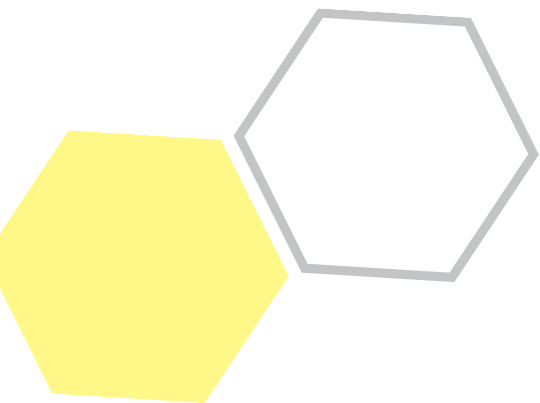
NORTHERN BMX

# CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY



# PURPOSE

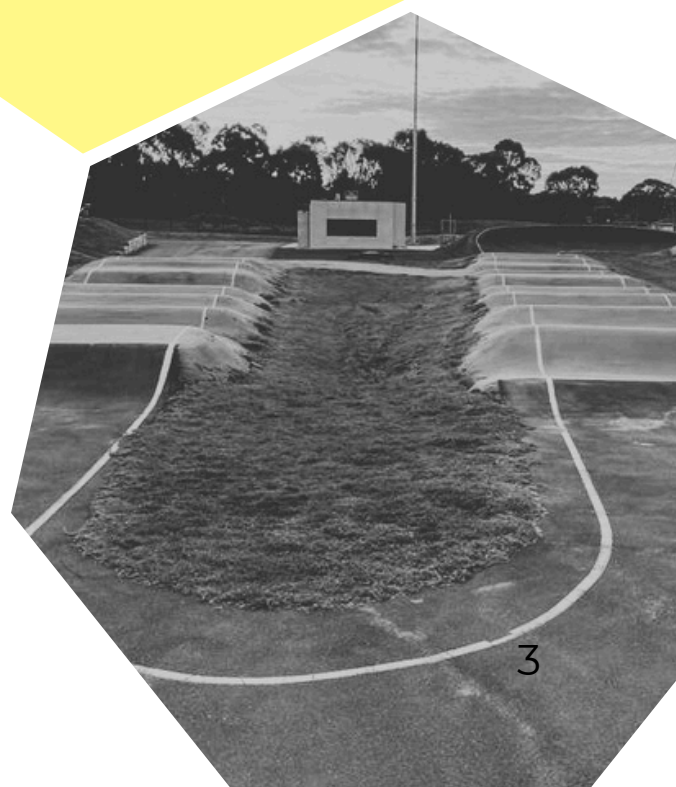
The purpose of the Northern BMX Club Child Supervision Policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of all children and young people participating in club activities. This policy aims to create a safe and supportive environment where children are protected from harm, abuse, and neglect, and where their rights are respected. It outlines the club's commitment to child safety and provides a framework for responsible supervision practices.



# WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

This policy applies to any parent, guardian, coach, club official, or otherwise responsible person at all club activities, including, but not limited to, training sessions, competitions, social events, and any other Northern BMX Club-sanctioned events involving children.

Northern BMX Club and its members and participants in cycling are also required to adhere to the relevant policies and procedures of the governing body AusCycling, and Sports Integrity Australia





# SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

- **Supervision:** Children under the age of 18 must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times during club activities
- **Behaviour:** Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring their child's safety, behaviour, and well-being during all club events.
- **Responsibility:** The club does not take responsibility for unsupervised children at any time.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

- **Arrival/Departure:** Ensure their child arrives and departs safely from all club activities.
- **During Activities:** Remain present at the venue for the duration of any activity, including training, coaching, practice, racing, social activities, and before and after these activities.
- **Respond to Concerns:** Respond promptly to any concerns raised by club officials, coaches, or volunteers regarding their child's participation.
- **Adhere to Rules:** Assist in reinforcing club rules, safety guidelines, and respectful behaviour.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

- **Safety:** Ensure all activities are conducted in a safe and controlled environment.
- **Reporting:** Immediately report any incidents or concerns about child safety to the Committee or Child Safety Officer.
- **Communicate:** Remind parents and guardians of their supervision responsibilities whenever necessary.
- **Comply:** Maintain compliance with AusCycling's child protection policies and relevant Australian child safety standards.



# UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN

If a child is found to be unsupervised at any Northern BMX Club activity or associated location the following actions shall be taken:

- Reasonable efforts will be made to locate the parent or guardian. Measures may include public announcement via PA system, attempting to establish phone contact, or checking with other club members.
- If a parent or guardian cannot be located within a reasonable timeframe using the above measures, with consideration to the child's age and wellbeing, emergency services and/or relevant authorities shall be contacted and notified.

Failure to adhere to the above policy may also result in disciplinary action, including removal from activities, official warnings, suspension or cancellation of membership, or bans from club activities.



# COMMUNICATION

Northern BMX Club is committed to transparent communication and ensuring that all members and stakeholders understand their roles and responsibilities. We will communicate our policies and procedures through various channels:

- **Website:** Our policies, procedures, and Codes of Conduct are readily accessible on the club website.
- **Signage:** Relevant posters and information are displayed prominently throughout the club's facilities as required.
- **Newsletter:** Regular updates and reminders about policies are included in our club newsletter.
- **Meetings:** Policy review is a standing agenda item at regular director meetings, ensuring ongoing discussion and review of our practices.



# PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SHARING

Northern BMX Club is committed to protecting the privacy of all members, particularly children and young people. The following considerations and principles will be followed with regard to confidentiality and information sharing:

- **Best Interests of the Child:** Our primary guiding principle is to act in the best interests of the child. This principle takes precedence over all other considerations.
- **Confidentiality:** We respect a child's right to confidentiality, except in situations where it conflicts with their best interests or legal obligations.
- **Reporting Confidentiality:** We maintain confidentiality for those who make reports and those against whom accusations are made, disclosing information only as necessary for investigation and in accordance with legal requirements.

# GLOSSARY

**Child:** A person under the age of 18 years.

**Club Activities:** Any activity organized or sanctioned by the Northern BMX Club, including training sessions, competitions, social events, and other events involving children.

**Club Officials:** Members of the Northern BMX Club committee, including the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other designated roles.

**Coaches:** Individuals responsible for providing instruction and guidance to children participating in BMX activities at the club.

**Guardian:** A person who has legal responsibility for the care and well-being of a child.

**Parent:** A biological or adoptive parent of a child.

**Supervision:** The act of overseeing and ensuring the safety and well-being of children during club activities.

**Unsupervised Child:** A child who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian or is not under the direct supervision of a designated responsible adult during club activities.

**Volunteers:** Individuals who assist with club activities on a voluntary basis.

**AusCycling:** The national governing body for cycling in Australia, responsible for setting policies and regulations for affiliated clubs.

**Child Safety Officer:** A designated individual within the club responsible for coordinating child safety efforts and responding to concerns or allegations of child abuse or neglect.

**Emergency Services:** Police, ambulance, or other emergency responders.

# KEY CONTACTS

## **Northern BMX Child Protection Officer**

Rhiannan Preston - [president@nbmx.com.au](mailto:president@nbmx.com.au) - 0429 674 679

Report a Safeguarding Matter

<https://www.nbmex.com.au/safeguarding-children-young-people>

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## **Sport Integrity Australia**

Safe Sport Hotline - 1800 161 361

Make an Integrity Report

<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/contact-us/make-an-integrity-complaint-or-report>

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