



Vasse Soccer Club

Pick up and Drop Off Policy

Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of children and young people. Part of this is ensuring that children and young people are not left alone after practice or games.

Under 6 - Under 9

Parents of children in these age groups will be expected to have a parent/guardian in attendance during all games and training sessions. Parents/Guardians need to inform the coach manager of who will be attending with the child. This is clearly outlined in the Parents and Spectators Code of Behaviour policy.

Under 10 and above

Children in these age groups can arrive and leave training independently, at parents discretion, however all parents will be asked to complete the safeguarding form to notify the team coach and manager how players may leave training.

What we will do:

- Make sure parents/guardians and children know the time and location of practice and games, and when they can expect to collect their children.
- Have a team list, signed and written by the parent, explaining who the child may go home with and the method in which they may go home. If players are describing another method or with another person, then the coach/official/team manager will not let the child leave until they have contacted the parent.
- Request coaches and other sporting personnel to arrive before scheduled practice or game times if possible.

- Give coaches a register of parent/guardian emergency contact numbers and make sure they have access to a phone.
- Ensure that if parents/guardians are late, coaches will try to make contact with them and:
 - the coach/official/team manager will wait with the child
 - get parents/guardians to collect their child from the pitch immediately once they arrive
 - let you know with a minimum of one hours' notice the cancellation of training via the team HEJA app. The cancellation of games may be made by the umpire at the commencement or during games, as per the LNJSIA Inclement Weather Policy.

What we ask you to do

- Pick your children up on time or make other arrangements. If running late contact the coach immediately so they are aware
- Let the coach/team manager know pre to the training session or game of any changes to the pick requirements of the child, both the method and who can pick up the child.

What we may have to do

- If parents are continually late or do not inform the coaches of the arrangements, then that play may be suspended or withdrawn from the Club.

It must be remembered that ALL club personnel are volunteers and are here to develop the sport of soccer. We are not here to sit in the car park and wait with players every week. We are also here to ensure safe participation in sport and that includes strict safeguarding practises about how players arrive and leave training and games.