



Belmont Saints Basketball Club adopts and fully complies with all Child Safety policies and procedures as set out by Southern Districts Basketball Association. These policies form the foundation of our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all participants.

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## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

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Aligned to QFCC Standards 1 – Leadership, Governance and Culture

Southern Districts Basketball Association Limited (SDBAL) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who participate in our activities, programs, events, and services.

Our organisation is dedicated to ensuring that children are safe, supported, and always empowered, and that their voices are heard, respected, and valued.

We recognise that child safety is everyone's responsibility. All people involved in Southern Districts — including staff, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, and spectators — have an obligation to protect children from harm and to create an environment where they can thrive.

### Our Commitment

Southern Districts will:

1. Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in every decision and action.
2. Embed child safety and wellbeing in our culture, leadership, and governance.
3. Actively prevent child abuse, neglect, or harm and respond quickly and appropriately to any concerns.
4. Empower children and young people to have a say in matters that affect them.
5. Respect diversity and provide equitable and culturally safe environments for all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disability.
6. Ensure all people working or volunteering with children have undergone appropriate screening, including Blue Card checks, and have completed mandatory child protection training.
7. Support staff and volunteers with training, supervision, and resources to implement this commitment effectively.
8. Work in partnership with families and the community to ensure the wellbeing and safety of every child.
9. Comply with all legislative obligations under Queensland and Commonwealth law, and with the Child Safe Standards established by the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC).
10. Continuously review and improve our child-safe practices, policies, and culture.

### Scope

This Statement of Commitment applies to all people associated with Southern Districts Basketball Association including employees, volunteers, coaches, officials, referees, contractors, parents, and visitors to our venues and events.

### Display and Communication

This Statement of Commitment will be displayed prominently at all Southern Districts venues and published on our website. It will also be included in induction materials, volunteer

handbooks, and program documentation to ensure ongoing visibility and awareness across our community.

### References

- Child Safe Organisations Act 2024 (Qld)
- Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (Qld)
- Child Protection Act 1999 (Qld)
- Australian Childhood Foundation Safeguarding Children Accreditation Program
- QFCC Child Safe Standards (2024)

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