



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS POLICY

Purpose

Palmerston Netball Association (PNA) is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of young people¹ in the sport of netball. This includes ensuring that young people are not left alone before or after training practice or games.

Policy

- 1 PNA strongly encourages parents/guardians to attend all games and training sessions as this provides positive support to their young person, their team, the coach and the netball community generally.
- 2 PNA will publish the time and location of its training (e.g. academy and NT Link squads) and competition games to ensure parents/guardians are fully informed. The same is expected of affiliated clubs.
- 3 PNA requests its coaches and affiliated clubs to arrive before the scheduled training or game time.
- 4 Young people are expected to remain within the fenced area, with an adult, at all times.
- 5 If parents/guardians are late, an adult is expected to remain with the young person until they are collected. PNA expects the adult who waits with the young person will be the coach or an official from their club.
- 6 It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to collect their child on time or make prior arrangements to have their child collected on time.
- 7 It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inform their child that they need to tell their coach and club, and the PNA office on game days, if they are going to be collected late.
- 8 It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to notify their child's coach about any changes in arrangements for collecting the young person.
- 9 Transportation of young people other than one's own child is to be avoided unless permission has been given by their parent/guardian for such transportation.

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Document History

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¹ For the purposes of this policy, the terms 'young people', 'young person', 'child' and 'minor' are used interchangeably and refer to persons under the age of 18 years old who are registered participants with PNA