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JUNIOR MEMBER PROTECTION

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PURPOSE

The protection of junior members is demanded by State Legislation enshrined in this legislation is the criteria that the safety of the child is "paramount".

The method of teaching new members to fly model aircraft at times has the potential to bring the instructor and student into close contact. This MOP is constructed to ensure processes are in place to protect both junior members and adult instructors.

Applicable Document

NMAS MOP 33- New Member Induction Manual

DEFINITION

Junior Member: Any member under the age of 18yrs.

POLICY

1. This rule must be read in conjunction with MAAA Member Protection Policy MOP 41.
2. NMAS is required to comply with MAAA MOP 41 and has an obligation to protect
 - a. All members in general
 - b. Members who volunteer their time to Instruct whether instructing members or giving advice in respect to other aspects of aero modelling.
 - c. Junior member from abusive, offensive or predatory behaviour.
3. Whilst supervising junior members, members should avoid placing themselves in a position that could be open to misrepresentation or question.
4. Members must ensure when dealing with junior members;
 - a. Parents/Guardian must at all times remain whilst his/her child is at the field.
 - b. Parents/guardians will be informed in writing of these requirements at the time the junior's membership application is approved.
 - c. The care and protection of junior members at the field is the responsibility of all members.
 - d. The Chief flying Instructor will be responsible for the coordination of Instruction of all junior members.

- e. The instruction of junior members shall be shared amongst all active Instructors.
- f. One Instructor will not assume the sole responsibility for the instruction of a junior member unless authorised in writing by the parent/guardian of the child.
- g. On arriving at the field for Instruction on rostered training days, the junior member will report to the rostered Instructor(s).
- h. The Instruction of Junior members during normal Instruction periods will be the responsibility of the on duty rostered Instructors. This responsibility may be delegated however the rostered on duty instructor must continue to monitor the junior's instruction progress.
- i. Members, who are not the guardian, parent or relative of a junior, should avoid being at the field alone with a junior member. If a member finds themselves in such a position he/she should request other members to stay or contact a Club Executive member for advice.
- j. If contacted the Club Executive member shall endeavour to have another member, preferably a member of the committee, to attend the field.
- k. Any members who find him/herself dealing with a matter connected with Child Protection should immediately contact the Club President, an MPIO, or the Ordinary Member through the State Secretary.
- l. Members who are uneasy about any behaviour witnessed between a member and junior member shall immediately report his/her concerns to the Club President or Executive member.
- m. All matters reported are to be kept strictly confidential.
- n. The President/Executive member shall immediately take action to rectify the situation

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all members and the Committee to ensure that this MOP is complied with