

Tarneit North Football Club

FA National Safety Guidelines



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TARNEIT NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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1. Purpose

Tarneit North Football Club is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants. These guidelines align with Football Australia (FA) safety standards and outline best practices to minimise risk and ensure the wellbeing of players, officials, and spectators.

2. Duty of Care

All coaches, officials, and club representatives have a responsibility to:

- Take reasonable care to ensure the safety of all participants
- Provide a safe environment for training and matches
- Act in the best interests of players at all times

3. Safe Playing Environment

The club will:

- Ensure playing surfaces are safe and free from hazards
- Maintain equipment in safe working condition
- Monitor weather conditions and adjust activities when necessary
- Ensure appropriate facilities are available for players and officials

4. Player Safety & Welfare

All participants must:

- Use appropriate and approved equipment
- Wear required protective gear where applicable
- Follow instructions from coaches and officials
- Report injuries or unsafe conditions immediately

5. Injury Management

The club will:

- Ensure access to basic first aid at training and matches
- Encourage immediate reporting of injuries
- Follow appropriate procedures for injury assessment and management
- Support safe return-to-play practices

6. Heat & Weather Conditions

The club will:

- Monitor extreme weather conditions (heat, cold, storms)
- Modify, postpone, or cancel activities if conditions are unsafe
- Encourage hydration and appropriate rest periods
- Follow FA and Football Victoria guidelines for extreme weather

7. Risk Management

The club will:

- Identify and manage potential risks during activities

- Ensure staff and volunteers are aware of safety procedures
- Maintain emergency response plans where required

8. Safeguarding

The club is committed to:

- Protecting children and vulnerable individuals
- Preventing abuse, harassment, and neglect
- Ensuring all members follow safeguarding policies
- Reporting concerns promptly

9. Compliance

All members must comply with:

- Football Australia (FA) safety guidelines
- Football Victoria (FV) regulations
- Tarneit North Football Club policies

10. Commitment

Tarneit North Football Club is dedicated to maintaining the highest safety standards and ensuring a secure, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all participants.