

Policy

Child Protection



Responsible	Chief Executive	Date Established	May 2024
Date Reviewed	June 2025	Next Date to Review	June 2026

Netball South is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. Alongside Netball New Zealand, as a zone, Netball South recognises the responsibility to promote safe practices that protect children and young people from harm and exploitation while ensuring Netball is kept fun, safe and inclusive for all.

Netball New Zealand has a comprehensive policy called Safe Netball for Children Policy established in 2022 that has the intention of reducing the likelihood of harm to a child as well as minimising the risk of an allegation or complaint being made.

Netball South has committed to adopting and abiding by the Safe Netball for Children Policy and procedures in lieu of our own Child Protection Policy.

Policy Principles

- Children and young people's safety and well-being will always be put first.
- Children and young people should feel respected, listened to, valued and encouraged to enjoy and participate in Netball.
- All children and young people have the right to be free from harm and abuse.
- Child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- NNZ will guide the Netball system to adopt, implement and promote the well-being of children and young people.

This policy aims to promote good practice through:

- Requiring staff and volunteers at NNZ, Zones and Centres to adopt and abide by our Safe Netball for Children Policy and procedures.
- Recognising the needs, rights and views of children to enjoy involvement in Netball.
- Clarifying accountability and responsibility for keeping children safe from harm when involved in Netball.
- Directing staff and volunteers to training and resources to upskill in child safeguarding.
- Supporting those who provide Netball-related services to children and young people with best practice and appropriate procedures for effective action.