

30  
March  
2020



## SAFE SPORT POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to outline what is safe sport for young people and to offer guidance on how to provide a safe sporting environment for children.

Taranaki Secondary School Sports Association refer to the Sport NZ Balance is Better and Good Sports for members. This Code of Conduct provides general guidance on acceptable and unacceptable behaviour by players, coaches, officials, parents and supporters.

This policy is designed to supplement the Code of Conduct.

For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures, children or young-people are recognised as people under the age of 18 years. “

### POLICY PRINCIPALS

In implementing this Safe Sport policy, we are committed to the following principles:

Safe sport for children balances what children want to get from their sports experience while also ensuring they are not subject to harm caused by an adverse social/or physical environment.

Children want to be in an environment that is safe and supportive, where they are encouraged to be the best they can be while also enjoying what they are doing. We know from research that children do not enjoy experiences where:

- there is an over-emphasis on winning by parents or coaches
- some players miss out while only the best players participate consistently
- some participants are favoured over others
- they feel they're not on good terms with the person in charge
- they cannot participate with their friends
- they fear being hurt
- they don't feel safe
- there's no emphasis on fun
- they don't feel that they are improving or developing their skills.

