



## HAMPTON FC LOST CHILD POLICY

Hampton FC is committed to providing a safe environment for all our players - so they can participate in football in an enjoyable and secure atmosphere.

The majority of Hampton FC Players are Juniors (young people under the age of 18) and their wellbeing is our Priority.

The support of Parents/Guardians is essential - **so they must remain in close proximity to Hampton FC Training Sessions and Matches AT ALL TIMES.**

If this is not possible, please speak with the Team Coach.

If a Player goes missing during a Hampton FC Event, we will follow the following procedure:

- Check with those present that the Player has not left with their Parent/Guardian - without informing the Coach.
- Ensure that all other Hampton FC Players continue to be supervised appropriately while a search for the young person is carried out.
- Organise the remaining available responsible Parents/Guardians to conduct a search of the surrounding vicinity - allocating each individual to a specific area. We will request that all of those searching report back within a short time - dependent on the size of the area being searched.
- If the Player cannot be found after a good search of the immediate area, we will contact their Parent/Guardian - **IF** they are not present - to advise them that of the concern and reassure them that everything is being done to locate their child.
- We will make a note of the circumstances in which the Player has gone missing and where they were last seen and prepare a detailed physical description of the Player - including hair and eye colour, approximate height and build and clothing they were wearing - as this detail will be required by the Police. Photographs of the Player would also be useful to the Police.
- Hampton FC will report the concern to the Police - by calling **999** - if the search is unsuccessful and no later than 20 minutes after the initial missing Player report if the search is ongoing.
- We will follow Police guidance if further action is recommended and maintain close contact with the Police.
- Hampton FC will report the incident to our Welfare Officer.
- When the Player is located, we will inform all adults involved - including the Parents/Guardians, searchers and Police.



## **Best Practices**

1. Parents/Guardians should attend ALL Hampton FC Junior Training Sessions and Matches.
2. Junior Hampton FC Players should always be collected from Training Sessions and Matches by their Parents/Guardians. If a Player is not collected by a Parent/Guardian at the end of the Training Session/Match - and the Coach has not been notified of any alternative arrangement(s) - the Player will remain with the Coach until collected.
3. Ensure Hampton FC players understand the importance of not leaving Hampton FC Matches/Training Sessions without permission from their Team Coach.
4. Some Hampton FC Training Sessions take place in a self-contained area (eg Beaumont Way 3G). Where this is the case (and practical), ensure the Entry Points are securely closed during the Session.
5. Maintain up-to-date contact details for all Parents/Guardians.

**HAMPTON FC CHAIRMAN**

**HAMPTON FC WELFARE OFFICER**

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