Wild Women On Top Coastrek

GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN

Children have a special need for protection and policies. Coastrek is a child safe environment.

These guidelines have been developed for all persons managing or participating in a Coastrek event. The intention is to minimise risk and to keep the Coastrek community, especially minors (children under 18) safe.

Therefore, Coastrek will not allow a person recorded on the Australian National Child Offender Register to be a part of the event. If you are on the register you must not register to volunteer, participate or work at the event.

Maintain appropriate boundaries

All persons involved in the running and managing of the Coastrek events should maintain clear:

Physical boundaries

- Only use physical contact that is appropriate between two parties
- Work within sight of others at all times

Emotional boundaries

- Use positive feedback

Social boundaries

- Use appropriate language and conversational topics
- Please mind children in earshot
- Do not connect with children via social media or post videos, images or other online media without the parent's express consent

Sexual boundaries

- Do not discuss sexual themes, make sexual remarks or tell off colour jokes
- Do not touch children in ways likely to make them feel uncomfortable

Minimise physical contact

- Generally, physical contact with children who are volunteering or participants should be to:
- Provide assistance or medical attention
- Give sports massage
- Treat an injury
- Prevent or respond to an injury

ALL PHYSICAL CONTACT BY PERSONNEL SHOULD FULFIL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Physical contact should be appropriate and consensual
- Always in the presences of the child's guardian/parent
- Seek permission from the child and their guardian
- Child participants and volunteers should be briefed, congratulated or comforted in public not in an isolated setting

Avoid being alone with a child

To protect yourself and the child from risk:

- Do not isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with any particular child
- If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults.