



Guidelines For Parents

Children of all ages can have a wonderful time at our club – as well as in the adjacent Council Park's playground, tennis court, basketball court and soccer areas.

To ensure their well being and safety, your attention is drawn to the following:

- Our volunteer members are pleased to assist with the running of your function, and can provide tutoring in petanque, but they cannot be expected to be supervisors for your children.
- The compound is enclosed, but the gates are not childproof.
- The club's toilets are shared with a public entrance from the adjacent park, which is locked at dusk. Please accompany your child to the toilet if the outside door is unlocked.
- At night the southern half of the club is not floodlit. Also the parklands are poorly lit. If children are playing in the parklands, there should be at least one responsible adult supervising at all times.
- We have a first aid kit at the bar, but we do not provide a first aid officer.
- Children are not permitted behind the bar or in the food preparation areas.
- Petanque is a game for all age, and it is amazing how quickly children can learn the rules, and thoroughly enjoy the game. But you will be aware that the balls are made of heavy steel and can be dangerous. Be aware that young children tend to dash after the ball after they have thrown it, obviously to their, or others, safety. Before any game involving children, our volunteer member will explain the safety rules – e.g. do not be in front of anybody who is throwing.
- For each child aged five or under, we require a parent to be present at all times they are playing, to ensure these rule are followed – hopefully you can participate in the game with child, too.
- In any petanque game of children ten and under we require one adult to be assigned to supervise, either from the end, or participating.
- The balls must not be used for any other purpose than petanque. (Recently one of our volunteer members was obliged to stop a “game” in which several boys were throwing balls at each other, in the dark!)

We trust you can understand the purpose of these guidelines, and hope you and you children have a great time!