

ENJOY-A-BALL GUIDELINES FOR ADULT HELPERS

Enjoy-a-Ball aims to provide sports coaching for children in a positive, fun and safe environment. We aim to follow “best practice” in terms of both coaching development and child protection in all of our classes. We also aim to deliver our lessons at local, accessible venues and at an affordable cost.

In order to meet these objectives it is necessary for us to take steps to provide for a minimum of two adults to be present for the duration of each class. One of the adults will be the Enjoy-a-Ball coach while the other can be the parent/guardian or carer of one of the children in the particular class. This role for the parent/guardian or carer is entitled “adult helper” and is entirely voluntary and unpaid. A rota system will be operated by the coach for individuals to select which classes are suitable for them to attend in this capacity. The objective of this policy is to provide for greater child safety during classes.

Adult helpers do not assist in the coaching of children. However, Enjoy-a-Ball takes the view that an additional adult being present in the event of, say, an injury to a child, would be extremely beneficial.

It is acknowledged that not every parent/guardian or carer will be able to attend classes in this capacity. However, if possible, your support with this policy would be greatly appreciated and would help us to deliver coaching development to your child in a safe environment.

The role of an adult helper can best be described as follows:

1. The adult helper at a class must be the parent/guardian or carer of a child in that class.
2. The adult helper should remain for the full duration of the class.
3. The adult helper will take no part in the lesson but may observe it.
4. The adult helper should help the coach to ensure that no students leave the premises during the running of the class. Before the class begins and after the class finishes the children’s parents/guardians or carers are responsible for their children in this respect.
5. The adult helper should be in a position to help the coach to ensure the safety and well being of all children in a class during the lesson.
6. In the event of an injury to a child that requires the coach to administer first aid the adult helper may be asked to assist with the other members of the class during the time that the injured child is attended to.

I understand the role of an adult helper and agree to follow the guidelines as described above.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date