



# MOOROOLBARK SOCCER CLUB Inc.

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## AMBULANCE POLICY

### Rationale:

- At times of accidents or illness, the club may be required to call an ambulance to transport a member, player or spectator to hospital. As the ambulance service is a potentially expensive option for families, and as the ambulance service is a vital community resource which should not be used in a frivolous manner, processes for requesting the attendance of the ambulance service must be followed.

### Aims:

- To ensure that all members of the club understand the clubs position and processes regarding the attendance of the ambulance service.

### Implementation:

- All families and players are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service.
- At times of accidents or illness, the Clubs Committee Members and/or First Aid trained staff in attendance may confer with other Committee and/or Trained First Staff and make a decision as to whether or not they should request the attendance of the ambulance service.
- In doing so, the health and safety of the patient will be the only determining factor. Ambulance membership, or potential costs to families **WILL NOT** be a point of consideration. Such a decision will always be made with a conservative 'better safe than sorry' attitude.
- Parents (or next of kin for an adult) will always be contacted as soon as possible so that they may be in attendance when the ambulance arrives.
- The most appropriate Committee Member or Trained First Aid staff available will contact the ambulance service.
- A safe entry point will be made available for the ambulance, and members and players will be kept away from any accident scene or area where the injured person is.
- We ask that a family member always accompany a player to the hospital and where this is not possible a club representative will go with the patient only if patient is under the age of 18.
- The club will ensure that they are aware of the hospital to which the patient is being transported in case they need to inform parents or next of kin, or in case they have to arrange the collection of the accompanying club member.

The club would like to reiterate that all families and players are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service.

### Policy Review.

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements. If no changes are needed, this version will remain current.

### Signed

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