



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

1. Preamble

Waimakariri United Football Club (Waimak United) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone on its premises. People should be protected against harm as far as possible, and health and safety hazards should be identified and addressed quickly and thoroughly.

Waimak United believes maintaining a safe and healthy environment is everyone's responsibility, though it acknowledges everyone will have different roles and responsibilities.

- Support an environment at [Insert Club Name] that is safe and healthy,
- Provide a process for proactively identifying, reducing, and eliminating hazards and risks to health and safety at Waimak United.

This policy applies to anyone involved in Waimak United. This includes volunteers, participants, supporters, club members, employees, service providers, and families/whānau of participants.

2. Appointment of Health and Safety Officer

The Executive Committee will appoint a Health and Safety Officer. The Health and Safety Officer is responsible for:

- updating and maintaining the Hazard Identification Register
- maintaining the Visitor Register
- completing Incident Reporting Forms
- undertaking a dedicated three-monthly hazard identification process, including:
 - physical inspections of the premises, equipment, and practices
 - analysis of tasks and how they are carried out by employees/volunteers
 - analysis of processes carried out on the premises
 - analysis of previous 'near miss' incidents.
- reporting to the Committee/Board on identified hazards, incidents and near misses
- overseeing the implementation and management of this Health and Safety Policy.

3. Health and Safety Responsibilities

Everyone

Everyone will:

- take reasonable care of their own health and safety,
- take reasonable care to ensure their actions or inactions do not affect the health and safety of others,
- share the responsibility equally, by identifying and reporting hazards, near misses and incidents using the Hazard Identification Register and Incident Reporting Form to the Health and Safety Officer,



- join in relevant health and safety training as required,
- follow this Health and Safety Policy.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will:

- provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment at Waimak United, including making sure Waimak United's premises, equipment and activities meet appropriate health and safety standards,
- appoint at least one Health and Safety Officer,
- make health and safety a permanent agenda item at all meetings,
- ensure employees, volunteers and contractors use safe ways of working,
- provide all information, training and supervision required to minimise health and safety risks,
- address identified hazards and actions required from reported incidents/near misses,
- provide specific opportunities for employees/ volunteers to raise health and safety issues and suggest areas for improving [Insert Club Name]'s health and safety process,

Employees/volunteers

Employees/volunteers will:

- prioritise health and safety in everything they do,
- supervise the children/young people in their care,
- make sure they understand what good health and safety practices look like in the context of the activity/sport.

Contractors

Contractors will:

- comply with all regulations, and codes of practice applying to their trade or profession,
- advise the Health and Safety Officer of all hazardous equipment, machinery, or substances that are bought onto [Insert Club Name]'s premises,
- record any incident or near miss on the Incident Reporting Form and provide it to the Health and Safety Officer,
- use all safety clothing/equipment required to minimise the risk of injury to themselves or others.

4. Reporting a Breach

Individuals who wish to report an alleged breach of this policy should follow the complaints procedure outlined in the Complaints Policy or report it to the General Manager or the Health and Safety Officer.