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A U S T R A L I A

Drive Inclusion through Sport

Family and Supporters Policy
International Events

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Policy

Introduction

Sport Inclusion Australia, SIA is a National Sporting Organisation established in 1986 to assist the inclusion of people with an impairment, primarily an intellectual impairment into the mainstream community using sport as the medium. Sport Inclusion Australia is the Australian member of Virtus, World Intellectual Impairment Sport.

Our **Purpose** is to build a more inclusive community.

SIA facilitates, educates and supports sporting organisations and the wider community about the power of sport to deliver social inclusion, while advocating for the rights of all Australians to be treated with dignity.

Our **Mission** is to drive inclusion through sport.

The philosophy has never wavered 'Promote sporting opportunities for people with an impairment in mainstream settings with sport owning and delivering sport for all Australians at the appropriate ability level with a 'person first' approach'.

We want to make sure no one is left behind.

General

Sport Inclusion Australia and Team Management are unable to act as an Agent in any way for the following: Flights, Accommodation; Transport and Competition tickets for an International event i.e. Global or Paralympic Games.

The attendance by families and supporters on tour is of great benefit to the entire Australian Team, however, this policy is provided to clarify the supervision of athletes and access to athletes by family and supporters whilst on tour.

It is important that family, coaches and supporters understand that from the time athletes arrive at the airport until they return home to Australia they are under the direction and auspice of appointed Team Management. This means that their responsibility to the Team is not finalised until the completion of the International event at which time a family member can sign an early release form if travelling on afterwards. i.e. Athletes will not be permitted to sightsee, shop or leave the village with parents during the International event.

As part of the duty of care procedures, Team Management will endeavour to implement a visiting policy to allow family members and supporters to visit athletes at competition venues or a designated meeting area at certain times. This policy requires Team Management to approve all visits and the recording of information concerning the athlete's whereabouts including times, contact details, meeting venue etc.

Transport

The Organising Committee will provide transport for Accredited Team Members only.

Parents and supporters will need to arrange their own transport i.e. access the public transport system or rental vehicles, in order to travel from the airport to hotels to competition venues.

Parent Travel Group

There is an opportunity for a parent travelling an International event to take on a Coordinator role to assist other parents with general travel information. If a Parent Travel Coordinator is identified, Sport Inclusion Australia will pass on contact details to other parents, where appropriate.