



**MT BARKER  
DISTRICT  
ATHLETICS**

## Picking Up and Dropping Off Children Policy

### Our commitment

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of children and young people. Part of this is ensuring that children and young people are not left alone after training or meets.

### Expectations

MBDLAC is a family supported athletics club. The expectation for training and meets is that a parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are present for the duration of the training or meet. If a parent or guardian is unavailable for whatever reason, the expectation is that the athlete will not participate in that training or meet without making prior arrangements with the Committee or another parent. In the event that a child is left without a parent or nominated guardian, then the remaining policy comes into effect.

### What we will do

- Make sure parents/guardians and children know the time and location of training and meets and when they can expect to collect their children.
- Request coaches, other Committee members, and volunteers arrive before scheduled training or meet times.
- Emergency contacts details will be available through the supervising Committee member.
- Ensure that if parents/guardians are late, the supervising Committee member or other volunteer will try to make contact with them and:
  - ask the second to last child and their parent/ guardian to wait with the Committee member or other volunteer or coach and the child
  - avoid transporting children to their homes or other venues unless permission has been explicitly given by the parents/guardians.

### What we ask you to do

- Remain onsite during training and meets.
- If remaining on site is not possible, arrange for another guardian to remain on site during training or meets.
- Pick your children up on time or make other arrangements.
- Inform the supervising Committee member or other volunteer, or coach about any changes in arrangements for picking up your child.