

## **Junior members (under 18 years) Policy Version 1.0 Hobsons Bay Running Club Inc.**

It's wonderful to see families running together and we encourage you to get your children involved. We want our children to see that running is good for your physical, mental and social health.

Junior members (under 18 years) are welcome at HBRC, however we ask that the following conditions are met:

- Children under 11 years must always attend with a parent or adult guardian and be no further than arms distance from their parent or adult guardian during training sessions and running events
- Children aged from 11 to 17 years inclusive are permitted to run without a parent or adult guardian however the parent/adult guardian must provide their contact details on the sign in form at all authorised club events/runs/sessions. The parent/guardian must be present to pick up the child at the end of the event/run/session.
- No scooters or bikes are allowed on the course for any official club event/run/session.
- Any dog accompanying you or your child must always be kept on a short lead.

All of our Volunteer Run Leaders must have a current Working with Children Check, as per the [Working with Children Act 2005](#) however the responsibility of the child remains with the parent/adult guardian. This means that children are welcome at all HBRC training sessions but children under 11 years must be actively supervised always. Children aged 11 to 17 years must have a parent/guardian available to be contacted immediately and/or have an adult/adult guardian responsible for them at all HBRC authorised events/runs/sessions.

The [Athletics Victoria – Child Safe Code of Conduct](#) outlines appropriate standards of behaviour by adults towards children. Hobsons Bay Running Club agrees with these behaviours and all club members have a responsibility to be familiar with and act in accordance with these behaviours.

Approved by:

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