

# **Cockermouth Cricket Club**

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A child going missing could be an extremely traumatic event, for both adults and children. However, if everyone is aware of some simple guidelines panic levels can be minimised and even more critically the missing child can hopefully be found in an organised and efficient way.

In the event of a child going missing from either a team event or practise night the following guidelines will be followed:

- 1.** The club will ensure that remaining children will be looked after appropriately.
- 2.** The club will inform the parents if they are present at the event or nominate an appropriate person to contact them and advise them of your concerns. Reassure them that we are doing all to locate the child.
- 3.** Remind them that if the child contacts them directly they should inform the Club straightaway.
- 4.** Arrange for all responsible adults to search specific areas.

- 5.** A search of the area in which the child went missing will take place, i.e. changing rooms, toilets, showers and private areas.
- 6.** Ask all adults to report back to a nominated adult at a specific point.
  
- 7.** The nominated person will remain at a specific point and must be making a note of the events as they happen, including a physical description of the child including approximate height, build, hair and eye colour and what the child was wearing. The time of when the child was seen last should also be noted.
- 8.** If a search is unsuccessful then concerns will be reported to the Police.
- 9.** A report will go to the Police no later than 20 minutes after the child has gone missing, even if the search is not complete.
- 10.** Take guidance from the Police and if they recommend further action before they get involved then act upon this.
- 11.** At any stage when the child is located we will inform all adults involved in the search including the Police if they have been involved.
- 12.** Incidents involving a missing child will be reported at the earliest opportunity to the Club Welfare Officer, who will then notify the ECB Child Protection Team.