

IVCMAC Juniors and Vulnerable Adults Policy

1. A junior member is a member who is under 18 years of age.
2. A vulnerable adult is defined as an individual age 18 or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for themselves. It can also refer to one who is unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.
3. Vulnerable adult members must be constantly supervised by a carer when attending any club activity.
4. Junior members under 14 years of age must be supervised by a parent, guardian or carer when attending any club activity. The level of supervision is to be appropriate for the junior's competence and level of experience.
5. Junior members, who are at least 14 years of age, may be allowed to attend club activities unsupervised by a parent, guardian or carer provided this has been approved in writing by the parent. The junior member will be required to act in a safe and responsible manner at all club activities. In the event of failure to meet this requirement the committee may decide that the junior must return to being supervised.
6. No senior club member is expected to take any responsibility for a junior member, or vulnerable adult member, unless they have formally agreed to do so with a parent, guardian or carer of the member. This rule would not apply in the case of an emergency situation.
7. In the event of a junior under 14 years of age or vulnerable adult being discovered attending a club activity unsupervised for any reason, the discovering member must take temporary responsibility for that persons safety until they can be returned to the care of their parent, guardian or carer. If that person cannot be located quickly, the matter must be drawn to the attention of the Welfare Officer or other committee member. In any case, all incidents of this nature must be reported and recorded.
8. It is important for senior members to avoid situations and behaviour with a junior member or vulnerable adult (such as being alone with them) which could leave the actions of the member subject to misinterpretation or question.
9. Any senior or junior member, or anyone else outside the club, who has concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a junior member, or vulnerable adult member, must report those concerns to the Welfare Officer or another committee member as soon as possible.
10. Note that any disclaimer concerning the care of a member is not acceptable in law.

IVCMAC Committee
Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club
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