



POLICY ON THE LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

OBJECTIVE: Destination Judo is committed to a club environment in which all children* taking part in its activities are not at risk as a result of their participation in the training session/event.

**A child is defined as any young person under the age of 18.*

Destination Judo Parents/Guardians should. . .

Arrive at the venue no more than 5 minutes before the beginning of session. Parents/Guardians should not leave the child unattended until passed over to the Club Officers. On collection parents/guardians should arrive back at the venue 5 minute before the end of the session.

Be aware that The Emergency Contact Details provided on the Destination Judo Membership Form will be used to contact the parent/guardian of a Judoka, should there be no responsible adult on hand to collect the Judoka after a training session/gala/meet.

Be aware that – if parents/guardians are delayed - they will be asked to give the appropriate Club Officer clear guidance on what Destination Judo will be required to do i.e. the parent must give consent if they wish another parent to transport their child home.

Be aware that Destination Judo Officers/Volunteers will not leave a child or young person alone unless they are over 16yrs - and then only with parent's permission. It is recognised that some young people aged 16 and over will take themselves home so the club officer will assess situations as they arise and respond in an appropriate manner.

Be aware that until a child is collected, and to maintain the wellbeing of all concerned, where possible two appropriate club officers or parents will remain with the Judoka.

Be aware that parents, who persistently fail to collect a child on time or have not arrived after a reasonable period of time, and have given no prior notice or informed the club they are delayed, may be failing in their care of their child. Parents who persistently fail to collect their child on time may be asked to no longer attend.

If no-one nominated is available to collect the Judoka, and the parent has still not contacted the Destination Judo Officers/Volunteers involved after a reasonable period of time, the Club Officers/Volunteers involved will consult the police or Local Authority Safeguarding Team duty officer for advice on action to take.

Be aware that if a parent arrives to collect a child and the club officers/volunteers are concerned at their ability to take appropriate care of the child (e.g. they are considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the level where they are unfit to drive, and/or take care of their child) the club will gain advice from the police or Local Authority Safeguarding Team duty officer.