



Mobile Phone Policy

A clear **Mobile phone policy for our programmes** is essential to create a safe, social, and focused environment whilst supporting participants and staff with the balance of productive screen time and unwanted distraction.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phones do not disrupt teaching and learning, maintain the safety of students, and protect the privacy of all members of the Shear Soccer community.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors while on site or during Shear Soccer-organised activities.

Policy Guidelines

1. General Use

- Mobile phones should be **switched off or on silent and kept in bags** during sessions and activities.
- Phones can be used during **break times and lunch periods** in designated areas if permitted by staff.

2. Learning and Classroom Use

- Use of mobile phones for educational purposes may be **allowed under coaches supervision**. For example, children may use phones for research, educational apps, or digital submissions.
- Phones should **never be used to record staff or peers** without permission.

3. Safety and Communication

- Children may use their mobile phones **before sessions, after sessions, or in emergency situations**.
- The HeadCoach remains the **primary point of contact** for urgent communications between children and parents/guardians.

4. Restrictions

- Mobile phones must not be used to **cheat during activities, bully or harass others**, or access inappropriate content.
- Shear Soccer may implement **filters or monitoring** to safeguard children.

5. Sanctions and Consequences

- **First offence:** Warning and temporary phone confiscation until the end of the day.
- **Repeated offences:** Phone may be **confiscated for a longer period**; parents may be contacted.
- **Severe misuse:** May result in **restricted access to mobile phones on**

site or other disciplinary actions.

6. Responsibilities

- Students/Staff are responsible for **keeping their phones secure** and safe, Shear Soccer is not liable for lost or damaged devices.
- Staff have a responsibility to **enforce the policy consistently** and supervise appropriate use.

Review and Communication

- The policy should be **reviewed annually** and communicated to students, parents, and staff via handbooks/email communication
- Feedback from the Shear Soccer community is encouraged to ensure clarity and effectiveness.

The main factor will be ensuring that mobile phone use supports learning and productivity while maintaining safety and discipline.
