

# **TRAUMA AND GRIEF SUPPORT POLICY**

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# **PURPOSE**

This policy outlines the protocols and support measures Caboto Soccer Club will implement in the event of a traumatic incident or the death of someone close to a member of our community. Our goal is to provide compassionate and timely support, promote mental health awareness, and foster a caring environment during difficult times.

#### SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the soccer club, including players, coaches, staff, and families.

### **PROTOCOLS IN THE EVENT OF TRAUMA OR LOSS**

#### 1. Immediate Response

- · Notify club leadership of the incident to coordinate a response.
- · Ensure all affected individuals are supported with sensitivity and care.
- 2. Communication
  - Share news of the event with the team and other relevant parties in a respectful and appropriate manner.
  - · Designate a point of contact to provide updates and information as needed.
- 3. Support for the Team

Arrange a group session with a trained counselor or facilitator to address grief and provide an open space for discussion and emotional support.
Provide additional individual counseling sessions if requested.

- 4. Mental Health Resources
  - Offer a list of accessible resources to all team members and their families:
  - Good2Talk 24/7 Support Line for Teens Phone or text support for teens struggling with mental health.
  - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Resources for Parents Guidance for parents on supporting teens.
  - CMHA Youth Hub Local resource geared towards youth mental health, including group programs.
  - 988 Crisis Line A national suicide crisis number for support or concerns about another person.

5. Ongoing Support

- · Maintain open communication with affected individuals to ensure continued support.
- · Encourage team members to check in on one another and foster a supportive team environment.

#### **COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

The club is committed to promoting mental health and well-being through education, awareness, and access to resources. We encourage all members to seek help when needed and to support one another with compassion and understanding.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For further support or assistance, please contact Caboto Soccer Club - admin@cabotosoccerclub.com.

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