



CHILDREN IN ASC/AIS RESIDENCES

Purpose

To establish criteria and procedures regarding children living or dining at ASC / AIS halls of residence and residential facilities.

Background

The Residences within the Australian Sports Commission provide living and dining facilities for a wide range of approved individuals and groups including live-in AIS residential athletes, visiting athletes, parents of AIS athletes, staff and potential staff.

The ASC and the AIS does not exclude athletes or staff with family responsibilities; however the ASC residences have been established for athletes and do not fully cater for the needs of young children living within the residences.

Policy

Residing in halls of residence

Children under the age of seven (7) years will **not** be eligible to live within the residences except where all of the following criteria have are met:

- (i) the parent or guardian of the child needs to reside in residential facilities because they are an athlete or coach attending the AIS as part of an approved training program;
- (ii) alternative off-site accommodation is considered unsuitable in this case;
- (iii) there is an available 'flat' within the residences that has been designated by the ASC as being suitable for housing children;
- (iv) the duration of the residential stay is a temporary, short term requirement; and
- (v) the parent or guardian provides a constant and direct level care and supervision for the child or children acceptable to the AIS.

Anyone wishing to have a child reside in ASC residences must seek and obtain ASC/AIS approval prior to their arrival.

Dining at ASC residential facilities

Children under the age of seven (7) may only use the AIS dining facility for meals *if supervised by an adult at all times*. The ASC and the AIS will not provide this supervision.

Supervision of children in residences

Any child between the age of 7 and 12 years (including child athletes visiting the AIS for a period of less than 3 months) must be supervised and cared-for by an adult at all times within the ASC residences, including in the dining hall, and other on-site facilities. The ASC and the AIS will not provide this supervision.

APPLICATION OF POLICY

All requests for residing in residential facilities must:

- (i) require a statement on whether it is intended that a child or children also reside 'on site' and the age or ages of the child/children involved and the nature of the supervision arrangements the parent (guardian) will put in place;

- (ii) be referred to the **General Manager Site Operations** for approval to ensure consistency in the application of this policy, and;
- (iii) that the flat or flats to be used are both available and suitable for housing children.

The ASC/AIS will reserve the right to refuse or to cease any living or visiting arrangement in the event that the nature and level of child supervision provided is not to the satisfaction of the ASC/AIS or the pre-conditions to the living and visiting arrangements are not satisfied.

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