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Sporting Influence Activity Camp: Nerf Legends Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all Nerf Legends sessions at Sporting Influence Activity Camps are conducted in a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable manner for all participants and staff.

Section 1: Participant Guidelines

Age Requirement:

Only children who are in **Year 2 or above** may participate in Nerf Legends activities.

Parental Consent:

Parental or guardian consent **must be obtained** through the booking process before a child is allowed to take part.

Consent includes acknowledgment of the nature of the activity, safety measures in place, and the optional nature of participation.

Participation Limits:

No more than **25 children** are permitted to take part in a Nerf Legends session at any one time to ensure safety, quality of supervision, and adherence to space requirements.

Safety Briefing:

All participants must receive a **full safety briefing** at the beginning of each Nerf Legends session.

The briefing will cover:

Use of equipment

Rules of engagement

Required protective gear

Respectful conduct and boundaries



Protective Equipment:

Eye protection will be provided by Sporting Influence and must be worn at all times during Nerf activities.

Children not wearing eye protection will not be allowed to participate until they comply.

Equipment Use:

All Nerf blasters and darts must be **used appropriately and safely**, in line with manufacturer guidance.

Blasters are not to be modified or tampered with.

Sporting Influence staff will maintain and check equipment regularly to ensure it is in safe working order.

Optional Participation:

Nerf Legends is an **optional** activity. Children are **never forced to participate**.

If a child is unsure, hesitant, or prefers not to take part, **alternative activities will be made available** during the session.

Staff will check in with children before and during the activity to ensure they are comfortable and enjoying the experience.



Section 2: Staff and Assistant Guidelines

Protective Gear for Staff:

Staff are **not required** to wear eye protection; however, it is **strongly advised** for anyone entering or standing near the play area.

Staff who choose not to wear goggles do so **at their own risk**. Sporting Influence does not accept responsibility for injuries sustained as a result.

Conduct During Sessions:

Staff are **permitted to shoot Nerf blasters at children**, but only from **outside the designated playing area**.

Staff must **not enter the firing zone** as active players or shoot from within it.

Staff should always shoot in a controlled, safe manner, and avoid aiming for the head or face.

Supervision and Safety Oversight:

At least **one qualified staff member** will act as a **Session Leader**, overseeing the game and ensuring rules are followed at all times.

All assistants and volunteers must be **briefed on safety protocols** before the session begins.

Staff will perform a **headcount and equipment check** at the start and end of each session.

First Aid & Incident Management:

A qualified first aider will be present on-site during all activities.

Any injuries, however minor, must be **reported and recorded** using the Sporting Influence Incident Report procedure.



Section 3: Environment & Equipment Management

Play Area Setup:

The Nerf Legends activity area will be clearly marked and **cordoned off** from other camp activities.

Soft barriers, targets, and obstacles will be used to enhance the game while maintaining safety.

Equipment Storage and Maintenance:

All equipment will be stored securely when not in use.

Nerf guns and goggles will be cleaned and checked at the end of each day.

Section 4: Policy Communication and Review

This policy will be shared with:

All parents on policies page of Sporting Influence website

All staff and volunteers before the start of camp

The policy will be reviewed at the start of each camp season or after any incident that highlights the need for updates.

Sporting Influence's Priority:

The safety, enjoyment, and wellbeing of all children is our top priority. Nerf Legends is designed to encourage fun, teamwork, and physical activity in a safe and supportive environment.