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## **POL007-2 Bullying Prevention Policy**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast (BGCMCC) believes that all members have a right to a safe and healthy environment and has an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance. Staff, volunteers, and members of BGCMCC will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any other person. Staff, volunteers, and members shall not intimidate, harass, or bully any other person through words or actions.

*Bullying* is exposing a person to abusive actions repeatedly over time. Being aware of teasing, and acknowledging injured feelings is always important. Bullying becomes a concern when hurtful or aggressive behavior toward an individual or group appears to be unprovoked, intentional and (usually) repeated.

Bullying is a form of *violence*. It involves a real or perceived imbalance of power, with the more powerful person or group attacking those who are less powerful. Bullying may be:

- physical (hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing)
- *verbal* (taunting, malicious teasing, name calling, threatening)
- *emotional* (spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, extorting, or intimidating). Bullying can occur face-to-face or in the online world.

Bullying is also one or more acts by an individual or group directed against another person that constitutes:

- sexual harassment.
- hate violence, or severe or pervasive intentional harassment,
- threats, or intimidation that is disruptive,
- causes disorder, and invades the rights of others by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment,
- includes acts that are committed personally or by means of an electronic act, as defined below.

An "electronic act" is defined as transmission of a communication, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, or image by means of an electronic device, including but not limited to; telephone, cell phone or other wireless communication device, computer, tablet or pager.

Bullying actions may be direct or indirect.

*Direct* bullying or identifiable bullying actions may include:

- Hitting, tripping, shoving, pinching, and excessive tickling
- Verbal threats, name calling, racial slurs, and insults
- Demanding money, property, or some service to be performed

Stabbing, choking, burning, and shooting

Indirect bullying may be more difficult to detect and may include:

- Rejecting, excluding, or isolating target(s)
- Humiliating target(s) in and front of friends
- Manipulating friend's relationships
- Sending hurtful or threatening e-mail or writing notes
- Blackmailing, terrorizing, or posing dangerous dares
- Developing or utilizing a Web site devoted to taunting, ranking, or degrading a target and inviting others to join in posting humiliating notes or messages.

Reports of bullying should be made as soon as possible after the alleged act or knowledge of the alleged act. A failure to promptly report may impair the Club's ability to investigate and address the prohibited conduct. Digital incident report forms can be found

Incident Report Form

Any Club staff, volunteer or member who believes that he/she has experienced bullying or believes that another person has experienced bullying shall immediately report the alleged acts to the Club Director or Area Director. A report may be made orally or in writing.

The procedures for intervening in bullying behavior include, but are not limited, to the following:

- All staff, members and their parents will receive a summary of this policy prohibiting
  intimidation and bullying: at the beginning of the school year, as part of the Parent
  Agreement information packet, or as part of new student orientation. Additionally, all
  Safety Policies are posted to the BGCMCC Website (centralcoastkids.org).
- BGCMCC will make reasonable efforts to keep a report of bullying and the results of investigation confidential.
- Staff who witness acts of bullying, or are informed of acts of bullying shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Anyone witnessing or experiencing bullying are strongly encouraged to report the incident; such reporting will not reflect negatively on the target or witnesses in any way.
- All incidents will be recorded on the Incident/Accident Report form and signed by supervising staff and parent/guardian of the member(s) involved.
- If the incident is determined to be critical (See POL 010), according to BGCA definitions, the procedure for notifying/reporting to BGCA will be followed.
- If a member shows a pattern of bullying behavior the Club Director and Area Director will determine further action which may include, but is not limited to, suspension or permanent dismissal from Club membership.

Date:

BY:

Chief Executive Officer

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Board Chair (Board Approval)

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Incident / Accident Form, page 2	Injured Person:		_Injury Date:
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Computer Room P	alving Lot layground stainwell sports Field	Other:	
Aquatics: Facility Rental C	childcare: Before/After childcare: Preschool child Watch croup Fitness Class	Open Gym Personal Training Tutoring Special Events / field trips Social outreach	Sports Sports Team 21st Century Virtual Programming Other:
Aggressive behavior of / by Fight Caught In, by, or between Contact with / exposure to	Exertion Verbal Taunting/Teasing Fall (from, onto, Into, or again Handle / use / touch	Horseplay Struck by / against Intimidation Inhale / Ingest Participation / playing	Pushed / pulled / bumped Theft Other:
Source of Injury  Aquatics facility: deck / dock Aquatics facility: equipment Aquatics facility: sides / bottom Aquatics facility: water, body of	Blood / body fluids Door Environment (sun, heat Equipment: Exercise	Equipment: Playground Floor / Ground Furniture Insect / animal Locker / cabinet	Object (ball / bat / toy / etc.) Person (another) Self Wall / vertical surface Other -
Body part injured of affected  Arm Leg Hand / finger Foot / toe Wrist Ankle Elbow Knee	Shoulder Back Chest Buttock Stomach Hlp Side Groin	please check if applicable ==> • • right  Face Head  Ear Neck  Eye Heart  Nose	Other - Upper Olower Ol
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Comments(Attach add'l sheets if no	eeded):		

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