

## **Old Maldonians Badminton Club Transport Policy**

Old Maldonians Badminton Club issue the following guidelines to all clubs regarding the transportation of junior players to and from training and matches. The club is advising that it is the parents/carers responsibility to transport their children to grounds, and only after arrival at a venue will the Coach/manager assume control. Parents are made aware that coaches/managers of teams will not act as a 'taxi service' and cannot be expected to have the responsibility of your children in their cars.

If you are unable to transport your child to a game or practice please arrange an alternative method for your child's transportation.

The coaches have been issued with guidance that under no circumstances will they drop children back to homes, it is unfair to put them in this position, and it leaves them open to accusations being made against them.

If you cannot stay to watch your child play/train you are expected to collect your child on time from the specified meeting point at the time given by the coach. If you are going to be late even by a few minutes it is only common courtesy that you ring the coach to tell him.

We as a Club apologise if these arrangements sound strict, but we have been informed by the Badminton England how important it is to avoid putting the un-paid volunteers who run the Junior Badminton section in any awkward or compromising situations.

When children participate in open age badminton there may be times when parents/carers cannot transport their child(ren) to away fixtures. The captain of the team will ensure that a child will not travel to an away game on his/her own with an adult. In order to keep both children and adults safe, a minimum of two adults will travel with a child. Parents/carers will be informed who their child is travelling with prior to departing. Children will be dropped off at Old Maldonians Badminton Club at an agreed time.

\*Children refers to any person under the age of 18.

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