

| DEPARTMENT     | HUMAN RESOURCES                    |
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| POLICY         | MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY |
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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is for Lincoln City Football Club ("the **Club**") to establish, promote and maintain the mental health and wellbeing of all staff and players through workplace practices, and encourage staff to take responsibility for their own mental health and wellbeing.
- 1.2 The Club believes that the mental health and wellbeing of its staff and players is key to organisational success and sustainability.

## 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of this policy are as follows:

- To build and maintain a workplace environment and culture that supports mental health and wellbeing and prevents discrimination (including bullying and harassment);
- To increase employee knowledge and awareness of mental health and wellbeing issues and behaviours;
- To reduce stigma around depression and anxiety in the workplace; and
- To facilitate employees' active participation in a range of initiatives that support mental health and wellbeing.

#### 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees of the Club, including players, academy, match day and casual staff.

#### 4. **RESPONSIBILITY**

- 4.1 All employees are encouraged to:
  - understand this policy and seek clarification from management where required;
  - consider this policy while completing work-related duties and at any time while representing the Club;
  - support fellow workers in their awareness of this policy; and
  - support and contribute to the Club's aim of providing a mentally healthy and supportive environment for all workers.
- 4.2 All employees have a responsibility to:
  - take reasonable care of their own mental health and wellbeing, including physical health; and
  - take reasonable care that their actions do not affect the health and safety of other people in the workplace.
- 4.3 Managers have a responsibility to:
  - ensure that all workers are made aware of this policy;
  - actively support and contribute to the implementation of this policy, including its aims and objectives; and
  - manage the implementation and review of this policy.

# 5. COMMUNICATION

The Club will ensure that:

- all employees receive a copy of this policy during the induction process;
- this policy is easily accessible by all members of the organisation;



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- employees are informed when a particular activity aligns with this policy;
- employees are empowered to actively contribute and provide feedback to this policy; and
- employees are notified of all changes to this policy.

## 6. MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Club will review this policy twelve months after implementation and annually thereafter.

Effectiveness of the policy will be assessed through:

- feedback from staff and management; and
- review of the policy by management and committee to determine if objectives have been met and to identify barriers and enablers to ongoing policy implementation.