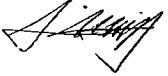
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1. Scope

- 1.1. Staff, management, families & children.

2. Policy Statement

Computer games can be used as part of the program of activities after thoughtful consideration relating to the content and message of the game. Staff will ensure all computer games are suitable for the children's ages and that parent permission has been given.

3. Related Policies & Procedures/Guidance Notes

- 3.1. Child Management Policy
- 3.2. Duty of Care Policy
- 3.3. Videos and Film Policy

4. Responsibilities & Delegations

- 4.1. The Childcare Taskforce is responsible for the review of this policy.
- 4.2. The Childcare staff & management are responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- 4.3. The families and children are responsible for the support of this policy.

5. Considerations


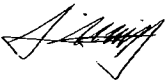
- 5.1. Game ratings from Office of Film and Literature Classification
- 5.2. Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995

6. Records Maintenance

- 6.1. This policy is to be reviewed annually.

PROCEDURES

- Computer games will only played that have a G or PG rating.
- Computer games should only be used as a planned part of a balanced program of activities.

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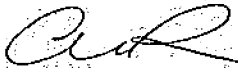
- Parents/guardians should be notified that G and PG rated computer games may be played and permission sought either on the enrolment form or on the form provided on the sign in table. If the sign in table method is used, a list of computer games will be provided on the table for parents/guardians to peruse and if they object to their child playing a particular game, their child will participate in a different activity.
- Staff should preview the computer game where possible.
- Permission is sought from parents/guardians before any PG rated computer game is played.
- In the case of a child bringing such an item, the YMCA is not responsible for any child's lost, stolen or broken games.
- All handheld electronic games/devices including mobile phones will not be permitted to be brought along by child. Staff will remove the items from the children and store them in a suitable location until the child is picked up from the service, at which time the parents will be informed of the centre policy.

7. Version History

Version	Description of changes	Author	Effective Date
2	Review and update. New format	M. Rupnik	December 2009

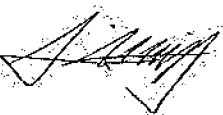
I endorse the Computer Games, Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy.

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 Group Manager

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