

CHILD PROTECTION



Blue Cards

Who needs a blue card?

Volunteers need a blue card if their work in sport includes, or is likely to include, providing services that are directed mainly towards children, or conducting activities that mainly involve children, unless an exemption applies.

Police officers and registered teachers do not apply for a blue card and should instead apply for an exemption card under this category if they are providing child-related services which are outside of their professional duties.

Required information can be found at <http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/>

It is good practice for clubs and associations to keep a database of those who have blue cards and are first aid qualified, including expiry dates. A template spread sheet can be provided by contacting your local Queensland Cricket Officer.

Member Protection Policy

The Member Protection policy outlines how your club meets its obligations to provide a safe environment and to maintain responsible behaviour and fair decision-making. Where possible, it is good practice for clubs and associations to appoint a Member Protection Officer whose sole volunteer position is to oversee Member Protection issues, including Child Protection.

A Member Protection Policy template can be found at <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit>

Guidelines for Coaches and other personnel

It is recommended that clubs and associations adopt guidelines for coaches and other personnel to protect them from risk and to keep children safe.

Some example guidelines that can be adopted can be found at <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit>

Reporting child abuse

An information sheet on reporting child abuse can be found at

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/65-resources>

Other helpful links

<http://www.childwise.org.au/page/71/resources>

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>