



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Chief Executive Officer Statement

The issue of child abuse is a complex problem that has an impact on all areas of society, including participation in sport and recreation activities.

The Wood Royal Commission into the NSW Police Service, led to increased community awareness of the significant number of child sexual assaults and incidents of abuse, which occur. It also highlighted the need for the development and implementation of strategies to protect children from abusive situations.

Football NSW Ltd acknowledges its responsibility of protecting children from abuse. By implementing strategies that will assist in preventing child abuse from occurring, Football NSW Ltd believes it has taken a pro-active role in relation to child protection and intervention. These strategies will help to foster a safe and positive environment for children and young people to participate in the sport of football within NSW.

In addition, the development of Child Protection Policy and Guidelines provides Football NSW Ltd with an excellent risk management tool for developing prevention strategies and for the effective management of child abuse issues within sport.

Information contained in this document will create a framework and provide direction for employees, officials, coaches, volunteers, members and parents of children and young people involved in Football NSW, and affiliated organisations. It will help deliver a consistent approach to child abuse prevention at all levels within the game of football.

Football NSW
Chief Executive Officer