



**CANBERRA REGION
RUGBY LEAGUE**

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

2024 WWVP / WWCC GUIDING DOCUMENT

**NRLSAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY
CHILD SAFE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR
NATIONAL OFFICE FOR CHILD SAFETY
CHILDSAFE CHECK-UPS/SEMINARS
PLAY BY THE RULES ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION COURSE
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: COMPLAINTS AND RERPORTING PROCEDURE
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: INDUCTIONS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: RECRUITMENT AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

***Some policies and procedures amended to CRRL conditions**

***These are guidelines only to the process**



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Canberra Region Rugby League's Commitment:

The CRRL endorses the NSWRL Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

NSW Rugby League is committed to supporting the volunteers of Leagues, Associations and Clubs to uphold the 10 Child Safe Standards and to offer a safe, enjoyable and rewarding environment for everyone involved.

“This is our commitment to all children in the Rugby League family. Together we will keep our children safe. We will empower all children of all ages, all cultures and all abilities to be brave, to speak up. We will listen, and we will act. We will educate, we will communicate, we will innovate. We will lead by example and uphold the Child Safe Code of Conduct as officials, as coaches, as referees, as players, as supporters. Together we will embrace the 10 Child Safe Standards. Our defence will be strong. We will work together to keep children safe at the game, at training, in the clubhouse, and online.”

What is a Working with Vulnerable People Check (WWVP) or Working with Children Check (NSW)?

A WWVP and/or WWCC is a legal requirement for anyone 18 & over who wants to volunteer in club child-related role.

Who needs a check?

Volunteers, whether supervised or unsupervised in direct, continuous face-to-face contact with children in a child-related setting. This includes Coaches, Managers, Trainers and all Club Executives.

National Registration Policy

As per the National Registration Policy all Match officials, Coaches, Volunteers, Sports Trainers and other like persons who participate in a junior environment i.e. 18 years and younger and/or officiate in matches, events involving officials 18 years and younger are required to provide current WWCC or WWVP (ACT) details upon registration.

Reporting:

If you believe a child is in immediate danger or in a life-threatening situation, contact the Police immediately on 000.

In the event of a complaint or allegation of child abuse that indicates child abuse has/may have or is likely to occur, you must immediately notify the police and/or the relevant state/territory government agency.

For information on reporting allegations of child abuse, you may view the Reporting Procedures by scanning the QR Code.



CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

WWVP - ACT

WWCC - NSW

1

Elect or Nominate a Child Safe Officer (CSO). CSO to complete the Child Protections and Safeguarding e-course



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Endorse and uphold the NSW Rugby League Child Safe Commitment Statement at Club/League meetings

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Ensure your club is registered as an employer with the Office of the Children's Guardian



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Complete the Official Register for 2024 spreadsheet with the details of the Committee & Officials for each team.

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Send the completed spreadsheet to Access Canberra to verify your Volunteers status to wwvp@act.gov.au Expect a reply within 3-4 working days

Log on the Office of Children's Guardian website site and verify the WWCC's that you have been provided.

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Why do we verify?

It is a legal requirement to verify all volunteers in child related work where exemptions do not apply.

Under the Check, all applicants will be continuously monitored for new offences in NSW.

- Verification is the **ONLY** way to know if a volunteer is cleared to work with children.
- To perform a verification, you will need the volunteers APP or WWCC number, surname and date of birth. Ensure the spelling is correct.
- Once a volunteer is verified it links your club to the OCG

Barred or Interim Barred person

If a volunteer is barred or placed under an interim barred, you will receive a call and email from the Compliance team. You must immediately remove the volunteer from any child-related work:

- Remove them from child-related work
- Transfer them to a non child-related role within the organisation.

Remember it is an offence to continue to engage a barred volunteer in child-related work.

Compliance Checks

After Round 3, if anyone is found non-compliant and is acting in any capacity with a team, the CRRL will issue a formal warning to both Club and Volunteer. They will be granted the opportunity for the Club and volunteer to become compliant and be required to provide proof of compliance.

If a volunteer is again found non-compliant after previous warning, the Club will be fined \$200 and the volunteer will be suspended for 12 months. After the 12 months if the volunteer wants to again volunteer, the condition will be that a verified WWVP or WWCC is first presented to the CRRL. This will be the penalty for not meeting prior warning to both club and volunteer.

If the non-compliance continues and the barred volunteer is found to have continued to act in a mentoring role within a team, the involved Club will be issued a Show Cause Notice to appear before the CRRL Committee.

Useful Links



NRL Child Protection and Safeguarding Children Policy



Office of Children's Guardian



NSWRL Club Hub - Child Safe Standards



Child Protection and Safeguarding Course - Play By the Rules



Access Canberra - WWVP