

WGCA WORKING WITH CHILDREN POLICY

Working With Children Checks are now compulsory for all cricket clubs & associations.

The WGCA has strict policy regarding Working With Children Checks (WWCC).

All people over the age of 18 within the WGCA who are either directly or indirectly working unsupervised with minors under the age of 18 must have a WWCC completed.

This includes the following people:

- Club Presidents
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Junior Coordinators
- In2Cricket Coordinators
- Senior Coaches
- Senior Team Captains
- Junior Team Coaches & Managers
- Any other person over the age of 18 who has REGULAR UNSUPERVISED contact with children

Under the legislation, parents do not have to apply for a WWCC if their child is involved in the relevant activity. **However, Cricket Victoria does not endorse this exemption** and it expressly requires that all parents that meet the criteria set out above apply for, and obtain, a WWCC. Cricket Victoria is one of a number of sports organizations that have taken this view in order to maximise the protection of children involved in sport.

The WGCA supports this policy from Cricket Victoria & require that any parent or other 'closely related' person, who is engaged in regular unsupervised contact with children within the WGCA, must obtain a WWCC.

A key point regarding WWCC requirements is REGULAR work, therefore anyone who temporarily steps in to look after a role that would normally require a WWCC to be completed, would not be required under the legislation to undergo the WWCC process.

At the League Executive level, all members of the WGCA Executive & it's Appointed Officers are also required to have a WWCC completed.

Clubs must have a designated person to keep a record of who has a WWCC within their club & also advise the details (name, card number &

expiry date) of those who hold a WWCC card to the WGCA General Manager & Records Secretary.

Any enquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the General Manager of the Association.