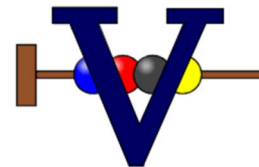


ANNUAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING DECLARATION



On **[INSERT DATE]** the Committee of the **[INSERT CLUB OR REGIONAL ASSOCIATION NAME]** endorsed:

- Croquet Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy;
- Croquet Victoria's Child Safe Code of Conduct; and
- Croquet Victoria's Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People

Minutes are attached confirming this endorsement and we hereby declare that our organisation will meet the expectations outlined in the above policies.

This includes the legislated [11 Victorian Child Safe Standards:](#)

- 1- **Establish** a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experience of Aboriginal Children and Young People are respected and valued.
- 2- **Embed** Child Safety and Wellbeing in organisational leadership, governance and culture.
- 3- **Empower** Children and Young People so that they know their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- 4- **Inform** and engage families in respect to child safety and wellbeing.
- 5- **Ensure** that equity & diversity is upheld through our policies and practices.
- 6- **Engage** volunteers and officials to ensure that they are suitable to work with Children and Young People.
- 7- **Handle** complaints and concerns promptly, thoroughly and with a child focused approach.
- 8- **Educate** volunteers, staff (if applicable) and officials to provide them with the knowledge and skills to keep children and young people safe.
- 9- **Promote** the safety & wellbeing of Children and Young People through physical and online environments.
- 10- **Review and improve** our child safe policies, procedures, and practices regularly.
- 11- **Role model** behaviour and actions documented in policies, procedures and practices guiding how our organisation is safe for Children and Young People.

To meet the above Child Safe expectations, the Club / Regional Association will:

1) Commit:

- a. See Minutes attached.
- b. Promote this declaration widely through the club network eg. adding this signed declaration to our website and social media, sending it to our email database, and displaying in clubrooms etc.
- c. Appoint a Child Safety Officer and promote their details to families / members.

2) Implement – Regular discussions and actions are taken to meet the above 11 Victorian Child Safe Standards (see Croquet Victoria's new Child Safety webpage for support resources).



3) Learn & Embed - Continuously learn to build a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture in our organisation through:

- a. discussions with children & young people, families and adults involved in our organisation;
- b. education through awareness workshops and resources provided; and
- c. regular committee and broader reviews of our policies, procedures and practices.

DECLARATION DETAILS

Club/Association – [\[INSERT CLUB/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION NAME\]](#)

1. Our Child Safe Officer is [\[NAME\]](#) available at [\[MOBILE No.\]](#) and [\[EMAIL ADDRESS\]](#)

2. The webpage and/or social media pages on which we will promote the Child Safeguarding Policy are:

Webpage 1 – [\[INSERT WEBLINK\]](#)

Webpage 2 - [\[INSERT WEBLINK\]](#)

Social Media Site 1 – [\[INSERT LINK\]](#)

Social Media Site 2 – [\[INSERT LINK\]](#)

3. We ATTACH Minutes of our Meeting endorsing the Child Safeguarding Policy.

Signed on behalf of the Club/ Association

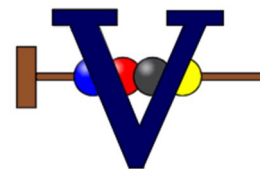
President of [\[PRINT CLUB/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION NAME\]](#)

Signature:

Print name:

Contact number:

Date: ___ / ___ / _____



Statement of recognition

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