

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

Croquet Australia recognises its moral and legal requirements to ensure the safety of children who are affiliated members, who may play croquet under the auspices of an affiliated member state or club, or who may visit an affiliated club for any reason.

This policy has been developed and adopted to ensure the safety of all children at affiliated clubs and events.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to Croquet Australia and affiliated State associations and clubs.

3. POLICY

Affiliated State Associations are to develop and adopt Child Safety Policies that comply with the relevant State legislation and Working With Children Check (WWCC) requirements.

Affiliated clubs that have, or may have:

- Child members;
- Visiting children, i.e. members' children, grandchildren, nephews/nieces etc.; or
- Visiting child players, i.e. school groups, etc.

are to develop and adopt Child Safety Policies that comply with relevant State legislation and WWCC requirements.

States will include the status of adoption of Child Safety Policies in their report for inclusion in the Croquet Australia Annual Report.

All Croquet Australia accredited coaches working with children are to hold an appropriate WWCC.

All officials at Croquet Australia Junior Tournaments and events will hold a relevant WWCC that is recognised by the state in which the tournament or event is held, unless exempt under the legislation. It is strongly recommended that a similar provision be included in State Child Safety Policies, if not already a legislative requirement.

Any reports of breaches of Child Safety Policies are to be investigated and reported in accordance with the relevant legislation.

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Secretary to the Board 9th September 2020

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