

Working with Children Check Policy

In the interests of promoting child safety within the sport of Football, the Executive Committee of Albury Wodonga Football Association has implemented a policy which will expand the categories of individuals requiring the NSW or VIC Government's Working with Children Check (WWCC).

This Policy applies to all affiliated Clubs and all Officials, Coaches, Managers, Technical Directors, volunteers and participants for 2018 and onwards.

The WWCC legislation currently provides exemptions from the requirement to obtain a WWC number for certain categories of individuals, including:

1. Volunteer parents or close relatives coaching or managing their own child's or close relative's team;
2. Referees; and
3. Persons aged under 18 years.

While recognising that the WWCC is only part of an organisation's tools for promoting a child safe environment, the Executive Committee, on advised from FNSW, was concerned that these exemptions, particularly the first two, meant that a significant and important portion of the membership was not being subjected to the WWCC.

Accordingly, under this Policy:

1. Volunteer parents or close relatives coaching or managing their own child's or close relative's team; and
2. Referees will now require a WWC number.

Persons aged under 18 years, even if they fall within the above categories, remain exempt.

Coaches and Managers

Under this Policy, all paid persons and all volunteer Coaches, Managers, Technical Directors and other roles which require working or volunteering with children under 18 years will now require a WWCC, unless exempt.

The only exemption recognised by AWFA is the exemption for persons aged under 18 years.

For the 2018 season and beyond, it is a requirement of AWFA that all Technical Directors, Coaches and Managers working or volunteering with children under 18 years obtain a WWCC and provide their Club,

AWFA with a valid WWC number.

Referees

Under this Policy, all referees now require a WWCC, unless exempt.

The only exemption recognised by AWFA is the exemption for persons aged under 18 years.

For the 2018 season and beyond, it is a requirement of AWFA that all referees obtain a WWCC and provide their Branch and/or AWFA with a valid WWC number.

Online Registering System – Information for Administrators and Participants

When registering in the Online Registering System (ORS) as a Coach, Manager, Technical Director or Referee or any other role that involves working or volunteering with a child under 18 years of age, it is now a pre-condition of registration with AWFA that the individual obtains a WWC number and enters their WWC number in the Online registration system at the time of registration.

Persons under 18 years of age are exempt from this registration requirement.

Where a person's role requires a WWCC:

1. The person's registration is not to be approved in the registration system by the relevant administrator and will not be effective until the individual has entered their WWC number into their the ORS profile during the registration process and their Club, Association (as the case may be) has verified the WWC number via the on-line WWC verification system at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au or <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>.
2. It is the responsibility of the relevant Club, Association (as the case may be) to obtain the person's WWC number either from the ORS or directly from the individual and

then verify the WWC number via the on-line WWCC verification system at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and retain a record of the verification details in accordance with the requirements of the WWCC legislation.

For more information visit www.footballnsw.com.au or contact your club or AWFA.