

PART B: GEELONG FOOTBALL UMPIRES' LEAGUE'S CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

Background

Child Protection is about keeping children safe from abuse and protecting them from people who are unsuitable to work with children. Child abuse is illegal in all states and territories of Australia, with each having their own child protection laws that cover the reporting and investigation of cases of child abuse.

In New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia child protection legislation places specific requirements upon individuals and organisations involved in a range of areas including sport and recreation. The Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania governments are currently reviewing their child protection legislation. We will add new requirements or any amendments to existing requirements to Member Protection Policy as they are introduced.

Please be aware that state and territory child protection requirements may apply to individuals and organisations originating outside of the states with the legislation in place. For example, if one of our state associations or affiliated clubs takes junior players into New South Wales for training camps, competition or other activities, those travelling with the teams must comply with the NSW legislative requirements.

Please note that the state specific child protection requirements apply despite the existence or absence of our Member Protection Policy.

As part of GFUL's commitment to protecting the safety and welfare of children and young people involved in GFUL activities, GFUL requires the following measures to be met.

- *Provide opportunities for juniors to contribute to and provide feedback on program development;*
- *Provide education and/or information on child abuse and child protection to those involved in our sport such as coaches, juniors, parents and officials; and*
- *Where applicable meet the requirements outlined in:*

B1. Child Protection Requirements

Attachment B1: CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

This attachment sets out the process for people who currently occupy or who apply for any work (paid or voluntary) in our association that involves working with people under the age of 18 years.

Association/club requirements

Under GFUL's Member Protection Policy, it is **mandatory** for all members, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to have a Working with Children check in accordance with the terms of the Victorian [Working with Children Bill](#) (2005). Refer to GFUL updated policy WWCC June 2017.

