CHILD SAFE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK GUIDELINES

General Information

Child Protection is about keeping children safe from abuse and protecting them from people who are unsuitable to work with children. The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is governed by the Working with Children Act and provides a mandatory minimum standard for assessing the suitability of people working with children and young people.

Guidelines

It is against the law:

- for a person who is required to but has not obtained a WWCC to engage in child-related work, including volunteering
- to knowingly engage a person who has not obtained a WWCC in child-related work if they are required to have one, including volunteering

A person will need to obtain a WWCC if:

- they engage, or intend to engage, in child-related work as a volunteer
- they are an adult working with under 18 year olds.
- Their work involves direct contact with children. Direct contact means physical, face-to-face, written, oral or electronic contact.
- Their contact with children is part of their duties and not incidental to their work.

The following exemptions apply

- Persons under 18 years of age
- Registered Teachers
- Queensland Police officers or Australian Federal Police officers
- Parents volunteering in an activity in which their child participates, or normally participates. However, MAOFC does not endorse this exemption and expressly requires that all parents that meet the criteria above need to obtain a WWCC.

Requirements

MAOFC requires that the following (but not limited to) persons to obtain a WWCC

- All Executive Committee members
- All General Committee members
- Coaches
- Team Managers
- Any adult attending an away or overnight trip with a junior team
- Other members who are involved in regular contact with children

In the case where junior players are playing in a senior team, the requirement will be

- Coach
- Team Manager