

Volleyball Victoria

Child Safe Review

VICSPORT



Child & Youth Engagement Workshops

Information for Parents & Participants

Project Overview & Aims

Vicsport in collaboration with Volleyball Victoria (VV) are currently reviewing the implementation and consistency of child safe practices across Volleyball in Victoria in line with the Victorian Child Safe Standards. The overarching aims of this project are to:

- Review the internal Child Safe Sport practices within Volleyball Victoria
- Review the support in place for VV Affiliates to address the Victorian Child Safe Standards
- Develop strategies to assist the implementation of child safe practices within Volleyball Victoria
- Provide recommendations for the ongoing compliance and review of Child Safe Sport.

The project consists of the following components:

- Evidence Gathering
 - Internal review of policies, procedures and risks
 - Board & Staff Child Safe Sport survey
 - Member & Affiliate survey
- Stakeholder Consultation
 - Child & Youth Workshops (3)
 - Target discussions with individual members & affiliates
- Review of all evidence and consultation data
- Development of Framework and Recommendations

This Workshop

This workshop forms a component of the Volleyball Victoria Child Safe Sport Review. Volleyball Victoria is committed to ensuring a safe environment for children and youth within the sport, and recognises it is vital for children and youth to have a say in what that environment looks like.

The aims of this workshop are:

- To provide youth within the Victorian volleyball community with direct input into the development of child safe environments
- To ascertain their understanding of safety
- To gain their feedback and guidance on the development of child safe strategies

Additional Details:

- Vicsport will be recording (via video) this workshop to assist with note taking and gathering insights to inform the development of the VV Child Safe Framework. The recording will be used for internal Vicsport purposes only and will be destroyed at the conclusion of the review.
- Participants are free to leave the workshop at any time
- Support resources will be provided to all participants at the beginning of the workshop

What are the Victorian Child Safe Standards?

The Victorian Child Safe Standards (the Standards) are contained in Victorian legislation and apply to all sporting organisations that provide services or facilities to children within Victoria. This is a statutory legal requirement for sporting organisations of all sizes, from grassroots clubs all the way through to National Sporting Organisations.

All organisations working with children must take steps to prevent abuse. They cannot assume that child abuse does not, and cannot, happen within their organisation. The Standards are a result of recommendations arising from the Victorian Governments 'Betrayal of Trust' inquiry and evidence of what works to prevent child abuse. In 2012 and 2013 the inquiry addressed the handling of child abuse by religious and non-government organisations. Its report highlighted poor and inconsistent practices for keeping children safe. It found some organisations' cultures did not focus on children's safety and many failed to report or act on child abuse allegations.

The seven Standards are:

1. Strategies to embed **an organisational culture of child safety**, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. A **child safe policy** or statement of commitment to child safety
3. A **code of conduct** that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Screening, supervision, training and other **human resources practices** that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. **Processes for responding to and reporting** suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to **identify and reduce or remove risks** of child abuse
7. Strategies to promote the **participation and empowerment of children**.

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