



CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS – WEST AUSTRALIA

This information is subject to change at any time. Refer to the Department of Community Development Website: <http://community.wa.gov.au/> or contact (08) 9476 2000. The following is based on information available as at June 2005.

Details of the phasing-in arrangements for different types of child-related work and information regarding what is required and the process for applications will be posted on the Department of Community Services website: <http://community.wa.gov.au/Resources/Child+Protection/> in the future. Until this time Rugby League organizations should follow the screening process set out on the next page.

From 1 January 2006, certain people working with children in Western Australia will be required to have a national criminal history check – a Working With Children Check. The Working With Children Check will be compulsory under the Working With Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 which was passed by State Parliament in November 2004.

The Check proposes to screen employees, self-employed persons and volunteers in defined categories of employment. The Check will take into account convictions and charges for serious sexual and violent offences.

Assessment will be by a new screening unit within the Office for Children and Youth of the Department for Community Development. Applicants will be issued with either an 'assessment notice' in the form of an ID card which allows that person to work or volunteer with children, or a negative notice.

Assessment notices will be valid for three years.

The following groups will not need to have a Working With Children Check:

- volunteers under 18 years
- employers of children, or adult employees who have contact with a child-employee in the workplace (unless they are carrying-out child-related work)
- registered teachers, who require a national criminal record check as part of their registration under the *Western Australian College of Teaching Act 2004*
- parents who volunteer in activities in which their children are also involved.

Working With Children Checks will be phased in over a five year period according to the type of work being carried out. Once the checks begin for particular groups, employees, employers, self-employed people and volunteers working with children will have certain obligations to fulfill.



MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

The Australian Rugby League and its affiliated organizations have a duty of care to its members and to the general public who interact with its employees, volunteers, members and others involved with Rugby League activities. As part of this duty of care and as a requirement of the ARL Member Protection Policy, the Rugby League organization must enquire into the background of those applying for, undertaking or remaining in any work (paid or voluntary) that involves regular contact with people under the age of 18 years.

I (name) of

..... (address) born/...../.....

sincerely declare that:

1. I do not have any criminal charge pending before the courts.
2. I do not have any criminal convictions or findings of guilt for offences involving sexual activity, acts of indecency, child abuse, child pornography, narcotics offences or murder.
3. I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer, sporting organisation or similar body involving child abuse, sexual misconduct or harassment, acts of violence, intimidation or other forms of harassment.
4. I have never been sanctioned for an anti-doping rule violation under any anti-doping policy applicable to me.
5. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code or any other anti-doping policy applicable to me.
6. To my knowledge there is no other matter that the Rugby League organisation may consider to constitute a risk to its members, employees, volunteers, athletes or reputation by engaging me.
7. I will notify the President or Chief Executive of the organisation(s) engaging me immediately upon becoming aware that any of the matters set out in clauses 1 to 6 above has changed for whatever reason.

Declared in the State/Territory of on

..... /..... /.....(date) Signature

Parent/Guardian Consent (in respect of person under the age of 18 years)

I have read and understood the declaration provided by my child. I confirm and warrant that the contents of the declaration provided by my child are true and correct in every particular.

Name: Signature:

Date:

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OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Description	Available From
WA Department of Community Development	189 Royal Street EAST PERTH WA 6892 Phone: (08) 9222 2555 Website: www.community.wa.gov.au
Australian Sports Commission – Ethics in Sport Material	Leverrier Crescent BRUCE ACT 2617 Phone: (02) 6214 1111 Website: www.ausport.gov.au/ethics
Play By The Rules	Website: www.playbytherules.net.au

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