



Information about the Child Safe Officers Course

Why was this course developed?

This course represents one of the key strategies to assist recreation and sporting organisations meet the expectations and legislative requirements since changes to the Child Protection Act were passed.

The course will provide participants with a broad understanding of the responsibilities associated with Mandated Reporting, a requirement that has been of concern to many organisations.

Who should attend?

State Recreation and Sport Associations, regional recreation and sport associations and clubs are invited to nominate persons from within their organisations and/or constituent clubs who are considered suitable to engage the responsibilities of the role.

Endorsement on the registration by the President or another responsible officer is required.

What role can the Child Safe Officer play in your organisation?

The role of the Child Safe Officer is to deliver advice and Awareness Training within their own organisations or groups having attained certain competencies.

The Child Safe Officer could also be the first point of contact for members who have concerns about a child or young person within the organisation or group.

What are some of the competencies that the course covers?

- Understanding the importance for organisations to adopt an appropriate screening process for members involved with their young participants.
 - Understanding how and why child protection needs to be included in an organisation / groups Member Protection Policy (or the need for a separate Child Protection policy).
 - Understand the definitions and indicators of child abuse and neglect.
 - Acquire knowledge and understanding of the requirement under the Children's Protection Act of the legal responsibilities of staff and volunteers working with children.
- * Gain a broad knowledge of the Child Abuse Report Line processes and procedures.

What should recreation or sport organisations consider with this strategy?

Do you have a Member Protection Policy or a Harassment Free Sport Policy, which includes Child Protection (or a separate child safe / child protection policy)?

Do you have recruitment practises that highlight the importance of child safety?

Will your organisation / club encourage and support the Child Safe Officer in his / her role?

Do you promote your commitment to providing Harassment Free Sport to all your members?

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