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Working With Children Legislation Policy

The Aveley Junior Football Club acknowledges that our members and volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of our juniors. The AJFC is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its junior participants through the implementation of its Child Protection Policy.

AJFC aims to minimize the risk of harm to children by ensuring it adheres to screening procedures when accepting people in volunteer positions whose usual duties involve, or are likely to involve, contact with children (those under the age of 18 years). As such the AJFC mandates that all volunteers must undertake a WWC Check where they are not exempt from doing so.

What is a WWC Check?

The Working with Children (WWC) Check is a compulsory screening strategy in Western Australia and the Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands for people who engage in certain paid or unpaid work with children, described as "child-related work" under the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (the WWC Act). The WWC Check includes a National Police History Check, but is different from a National Police Certificate because it involves the ongoing collection and assessment of information that is relevant to whether a child may be exposed to a risk of harm should a person engage in child-related work.

AJFC Will:

1. Request all people in these positions obtain a Working with Children check, in accordance with the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004.
2. Obtain completed Prohibited Persons Declarations from all persons in 'child-related' work.
3. Check a person's referees (verbal or written) and interview a person about his/her suitability for the role and his/her suitability for working with children for voluntary positions.

Working with Children Checks

The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 was implemented in 2006 and makes it compulsory under legislation for all people in 'child-related' work (paid, volunteers or self employed) to obtain a Working with Children check.

Exemptions

Certain people don't need to have a WWC Check and must not apply for one. Following are some examples of exemptions. For a full list, visit https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au.

- Volunteers and unpaid students on placement who are under 18 years of age.

- Parents volunteering in many activities where their child is also involved. This exemption does not apply to parents volunteering at overnight camps attended by their children.
- Short term visitors to Western Australia carrying out child-related work during the period of two weeks after their arrival in Western Australia, and for no more than two weeks in any period of 12 months.

For the full WAFC Child Protection Policy please refer to the WAFC Member Protection Policy at www.wafootball.com.au

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