

Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy Declaration

In April 2012, the Victorian Government initiated an inquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and non-government organisations. The inquiry's final report, "Betrayal of Trust", made a number of recommendations that have been acted on by the Victorian Government. The creation of Child Safety Standards (the Standards) was one of the key recommendations and was finalised in July 2022.

A comprehensive document has been developed by Netball Australia to assist all its affiliates comply with the new Standards – *The Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy*.

Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy

The Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy and the Child Safe Practices (Appendix 4) outline the expected behaviour for interactions in netball in Australia. The primary aim of this Policy and Practices is to protect and safeguard children and young people.

The Policy applies to all members of netball member organisations (eg, Netball Victoria). Breaches of the Policy may lead to disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the processes provided.

Where a complaint, incident or matter arises which may be dealt with under the Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy, then it is to be resolved in accordance with the relevant processes, to the exclusion of all other disciplinary or grievance policies or processes.

For the avoidance of doubt, this means that where a complaint relates to child safety and falls within the scope of this Policy, this Policy will prevail, and any such complaint shall be dealt with in accordance with this Policy and not any other policy.

DECLARATION

I, _____ have read the Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy and in the event an incident or complaint arises I will be guided by the Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy to ensure I am committed to the protection of children and young people in the Netball community.

I agree to comply with these rules and expectations. I am aware that if I do breach the Policy it may lead to disciplinary sanctions.

Signed: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Signed: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Executive Committee Member