



CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING SAFEGUARDING CHECKLIST

All children and young people who participate in rugby union competitions and programs have a right to be safe, feel safe and play safe.

The following checklist provides associations/clubs with key information when developing their policies and procedures to ensure child safe practices and a culture of child safety at association/club level.

1. ENDORSE

Endorse and minute the following documents at the next committee meeting;

- A Child Safety & Wellbeing Commitment Statement
- The association/club will adhere to Rugby AU's Child and Young Person Safeguarding Policy
- The appointment of a Child Safe Officer

2. COMPLY (BLUE CARD SYSTEM & RUGBY AUSTRALIA REQUIREMENTS)

Make sure your association/club meets Queensland Blue Card requirements for all relevant child-related roles.

- All volunteers, employees and people working with children in your association/club have a Blue Card (unless exempt)
- All required cards are current
- Volunteers, employees and people with a Blue Card in your association/club are linked to your organisation using the Blue Card Organisation Portal
- An up-to-date employee/volunteer register is maintained for all cardholders
- No volunteer, employee or person is allowed to start or continue any activity if their Blue Card is not valid or they are not appropriately linked/recorded ('No Card, No Link, No Start')

Note: ALL junior and senior rugby union club's committee/executive members are classified as 'child/young person related positions' under Rugby AU's Safeguarding Policy and therefore MUST comply with Blue Card requirements.

3. PROMOTE

Are these safeguarding documents publicly available and accessible for members to view on your website, posters and/or social media posts.

4. REPORT

All concerns MUST be lodged through the Report a Concern page on Rugby AU's website.

5. REVIEW

Continually review and update your association/club's safeguarding approach by working through the QRU Child Safety & Wellbeing Guide and the QRU Child Safe Standards Tracker in alignment with the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.