



POLICY

CHILD SAFETY

BACKGROUND

The Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association (FTGDCA) Executive have deemed that adoption and adherence to Cricket Victoria Child Safety policies is mandatory for both the Association and its member clubs and as such any failure to adopt or adhere to this policy will be in breach of the FTGDCA rules.

RULE

The following rule 1.6.3 was passed at the FTGDCA AGM held on 20 July 2022. Therefore, this policy and any breaches of the policy fall under the official FTGDCA rules of the Association

1.6.3 - No club will be permitted to affiliate or field teams in the FTGDCA if that club refuses or fails to complete the Cricket Victoria Child Safe and Member Protection Declaration and its associated action items.

POLICY

In line with the annual Cricket Victoria Child Safe and Member Protection Declaration and Commitment process, all clubs are required to provide to the FTGDCA Secretary at the commencement of each season:

- a) minutes of the club's committee meeting that clearly states that:
"The <club name> has adopted and endorsed:
 - the Cricket Victoria 2022 Member Protection Policy; and
 - Australian Cricket's Child Safeguarding Framework", that includes:
 - Commitment Statement for Safeguarding Children & Young People;
 - Australian Cricket's Policy to Safeguard Children & Young People; and
 - Australian Cricket's Code of Behaviour for Looking after Our Kids for Affiliated Associations and Clubs; and
- b) the completed Cricket Victoria Child Safe and Member Protection Declaration. This includes details of:
 - its Child Safe Officer; and
 - webpages or social pages that include links to updated Australian Cricket Child Safeguarding Policies and documents (Commitment Statement, Policy & Code of

Behaviour for Looking after our Kids) as well as the Cricket Victoria Member Protection Policy.

The above documents may be subject to change. As such, the above steps are required to be taken on an annual basis and this policy may be updated accordingly.

BREACHES

If club fails to comply with this Policy, the following will apply

1. The FTGDCA Child Safety Officer will document the breach, including any relevant information and issue a breach notification to the club and provide 7 days for the matter to be rectified.
2. The President of the FTGDCA will also contact the club President to ensure they are aware of the ramifications of not adhering to the Policy.
3. The club concerned will rectify the failure within a 7 day time frame of being notified by the FTGDCA Child Safety Officer.
4. Should the breach not be rectified within the required timeframe, the club will not be permitted to field any teams in the FTGDCA from that point on. The FTGDCA also reserves the right to de-affiliate the club in breach.