



## ANNUAL CHILD SAFE & MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

On 24 September 2024 the Committee of the Victorian Sub District Cricket Umpires Association endorsed

- the [Cricket Victoria 2022 Member Protection Policy \(MPP\)](#); and
- [Australian Cricket's Commitment Statement and Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, along with the Looking after our Kids Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations Clubs & Indoor Centres \(Child Safe Policies\)](#).

Minutes are attached confirming this endorsement and we hereby declare that our organisation will meet the expectations outlined in the above policies.

This includes the legislated [Victorian 11 Child Safe Standards](#) (from 1 July 2022):

- 1) Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experience of Aboriginal Children and Young People are respected and valued
- 2) Embed Child Safety and Wellbeing in organisational leadership, governance, and culture
- 3) Empower Children and Young People so that they know their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- 4) Inform and engage families in respect to child safety and wellbeing
- 5) Ensure that equity & diversity is upheld through our policies and practices
- 6) Engage volunteers and officials to ensure that they are suitable to work with Children and Young People
- 7) Handle complaints and concerns promptly, thoroughly and with a child focused approach
- 8) Educate volunteers, staff (if applicable) and officials – in consultation with Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia - to provide them with the knowledge and skills to keep Children and Young People safe
- 9) Promote the safety & wellbeing of Children and Young People through physical and online environments
- 10) Review and improve our child safe policies, procedures, and practices regularly
- 11) Role model behaviour and actions documented in policies, procedures and practices guiding how our organisation is safe for Children and Young People

To meet the above MPP and Child Safe Policy expectations, the Victorian Sub District Umpires Association will:

1) Commit to:

- a. Discuss & sign this declaration as a committee to formally endorse our Child Safe and Member Protection commitments. See Minutes attached.
- b. Promote this declaration widely through the club network e.g. adding this signed declaration to our website / social media, sending to our email database, displaying in clubrooms etc.
- c. Appoint a Child Safety Officer and promote their details to families / members.

2) Implement – Regular discussion occurs, and actions are taken to meet the above 11 Child Safe Standards (see Cricket Victoria’s new [Child Safe & Member Protection](#) webpages for support resources).

3) Learn & Embed - Continuously learn to build a welcoming, safe, and inclusive culture in our organisation through:

- a. discussions with Children & Young People, families and adults involved in our organisation.
- b. education through awareness workshops and resources provided; and
- c. regular committee and broader reviews of our policies, procedures, and practices.

**DECLARATION DETAILS Victorian Sub District Cricket Umpires Association**

1. Our Child Safety Officer is Robert Watts available at  
*phone number:* 0429 261 754 and  
*email:* vsdcua1908@gmail.com
2. The webpage and/or social media pages on which we will promote the MPP and Child Safe Policies are:
  - Webpage: <https://www.vsdqua.com.au>
  - Social Media Site: [www.facebook.com/VSDQUA](http://www.facebook.com/VSDQUA)
3. We ATTACH Minutes of our Meeting endorsing the MPP and Child Safe Policies.

**Signed on behalf of the Association**

Umpires Signature:



Print name: Colin Newport

Contact number: 0401 536 306

President

Date: 24/09/2024



## **VSDCUA Umpires Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **VSDCA CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

#### **No. A0014565A**

Date: 24th September 2024 Time: 7.30pm

Location: Brunswick Cricket Club

**Executive Committee:**

**President:** Colin Newport **Vice-President:** Darren Clifford

**Secretary:** Rudy Fernandes **Treasurer:** Marino Bovo

**Committee Members:** Leo Collins Robert Watts Justin Toohey

**Extract of VSDCUA Minutes of meeting held 24th September 2024**  
**at Brunswick Cricket Club, Pearson Street, Brunswick 3056**

Below are the extracted minutes of the VSDCUA formally adopting the Cricket Victoria Member Protection Policy and Australian Cricket Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People.

**Item 7**

**Cricket Victoria 2022 Member Protection Policy All**

- Under clause 2(e) of the Victoria Cricket Member Protection Policy, the VSDCUA as an organisation appointed by Cricket Victoria will adopt all by-laws.
- The VSDCUA appointed safety officer is Robert Watts (Committee member).
- Correspondence for any grievances should be sent to [VSDCUA1908@gmail.com](mailto:VSDCUA1908@gmail.com).

**Australian Cricket Child Safe Policy All**

- Under clause 3.3 of The Australian Cricket policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People the Committee of the VSDCUA adopt in full the policy.
- Any communications should be sent to [VSDCUA1908@gmail.com](mailto:VSDCUA1908@gmail.com).

**IF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER CONTACT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY MADE TO POLICE BY PHONING 000.**

Rudy Fernandes  
Secretary - VSDCUA