



ANNUAL CHILD SAFE & MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

On 12th August 2026 the Committee of the Victorian Sub District Cricket Umpires Association endorsed

- the [Cricket Victoria 2024 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 Complaints Manager 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 and Complaints Manager Officer are available as follows

Our Child Safety Officer

Name: Rob Watts (Committee Member)
Email: vsdcua-cso@gmail.com
Mobile: 0429 261 754

Our Complaints Manager Officer:

Gary White (Vice President)
Email: vsdcua-cmo@gmail.com
Mobile: 0402 354 119

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/VSDCUA

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

Position: President

Date: 12/08/2026

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th August 2026 Time: 7.00pm
Location: Spotswood Cricket Club, The Avenue, Spotswood

Committee:

President: Colin Newport **Vice-President:** Gary White
Secretary: Joe Polzella **Treasurer:** Michael Lawson
Committee Members: Peter Riddell Robert Watts Drew Davey

Extract of VSDCUA Minutes of Meeting held 12th August 2026 at Spotswood Cricket Club, The Avenue, Spotswood

Item 10: Victorian Cricket Integrity Policies

Rob Watts

We hereby declare that our organisation will:-

- meet and promote the standards of behaviour required of all people in Victorian cricket when dealing with adults ([MPP Code of Behaviour](#)) and Children & Young People ([Looking after our Kids Code of Behaviour](#));
- manage complaints in accordance with the [Cricket Victoria Complaints and Resolution Policy](#);
- meet the expectations and follow the processes outlined in the Victorian Cricket Integrity Policies; and
- encourage others to understand and comply with the Victorian Cricket Integrity Policies.
- The Victorian Sub District Cricket Umpires Association endorse the new policies and re-endorse the existing child safe policies:
- [Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People](#)
- [Australian Cricket's 'Looking After Our Kids' Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations and Clubs](#)
- [Australian Cricket's Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People](#)
- [Cricket Victoria's Member Protection Policy](#)
- [Cricket Victoria's Reporting and Complaints Policy](#)

For full policy details, visit: [Child Safe and Member Protection - Cricket Victoria](#)

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Motion Proposed: Rob Watts that the VSDCUA officially sign the Victorian Cricket Integrity declaration to demonstrate our support for the aforementioned policies.

Seconded: Colin Newport

Carried unanimously

**If you believe a Child or Young Person is at risk of immediate harm,
call 000 for medical or police assistance.**



Joe Polzella
Secretary
VSDCUA