

mernda calisthenics club wwcc policy

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**INTRODUCTION**

Calisthenics Victoria is committed to protecting children participating in Calisthenics. As the governing body, CVI is committed to providing the highest level of membership service which includes protecting members, promotion of positive behaviours, and attitudes in protecting the health safety and wellbeing of members.

**PURPOSE**

Under the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act). Persons who work with children must undergo checks on their criminal records. The Working with Children (WWC) check helps protect children from physical and sexual harm. It does this by screening people’s criminal records and professional conduct, and by preventing those who pose an unjustifiable risk to children from working with or caring for them. The WWC lasts for a period of 5 years.

The act does have some exemptions. Police and teachers do not have to have a WWC and parents and close relatives over 18 years of age, volunteering in an activity in which their child participates, or normally participates, are exempt and do not need a WWC.

As the governing body, CVI has a responsibility to ensure that the legislation is not only complied with but applied across the organisation and affiliated clubs to protect the interest of the participants.

**POLICY**

1. It is mandatory for all the following parties to have volunteer Working with Children Checks from 2017:
   1. Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Cadets over the age of 18.
   2. Club Officials
   3. Backstage Crew
   4. Volunteers whom may be in the company of children in the absence of a parent even if they qualify for exemption under the Act
   5. Chaperones of all State Teams
   6. Any parent assisting in dressing rooms at all Victorian Competitions.
2. Clubs are required to reference WWC numbers of relevant parties on the applicable ‘WWC Team Sheet’. This sheet will be submitted in conjunction with the Team Member Sheet to competition convenors at each competition.
3. Competition Convenor’s should perform spot checks of WWC cards and are required to sign the WWC Team Sheet attesting to compliance.
4. Any individual who is unable to produce the WWC card will be asked to leave the access area.