Victorian Cricket Integrity Declaration for 2025/26 Season

Dear Peak Bodies, Associations, Clubs, and Indoor Centres,

As part of our continued commitment to child safeguarding, we ask that you please complete the declaration link on **page 3** of this document.

Important: Prepare Before Submitting the Declaration

Before completing the online declaration, please ensure the following information is gathered. You will need this information during the submission process.

⚠️ **Note:** As per Cricket Victoria's updated Integrity Policies, the **President cannot serve as the Child Safety Officer or Complaints Manager** due to their role as the designated Decision Maker.

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1. Nominate a Child Safety Officer (CSO)

Please confirm your CSO for the 2025/26 season and gather the following to be submitted on the link on **page 3** of this document: *(you don't need to type it here)*

- Full name
- Email address (used to receive complaints or feedback)
- Mobile phone number

Important Note:

- Due to the sensitive nature of this role, we recommend creating a dedicated club CSO email address (e.g. *cso@yourclub.com*) that the CSO has full access to and that is promoted within your cricket community.
- Update your clubs **PlayHQ profile** with your CSO's contact information and ensure it is visible on your homepage. Also, a great chance to update all committee and volunteer contacts.
- Also update your **website and other platforms** with the CSO details.

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2. Nominate a Complaints Manager

This may be the same person as the CSO or a separate individual to be submitted on the link on **page 3** of this document: *(you don't need to type it here)*

- Full name
- Email address
- Mobile phone number

3. Website Endorsement – if you have one

Please include the following statement and link to the CV website on your own website to confirm the endorsement of Cricket Victoria's Integrity Policies: (you may have completed this last year, but a good chance to check it)

The [Your Club/Association/Indoor Centre Name] endorses and adopts:

- 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

Our Child Safety Officer:
Name:
Email:
Mobile:

Our Complaints Manager:
Name:
Email:
Mobile:

(If the same person holds both roles, feel free to combine into one contact listing.)

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4. Facebook Endorsement *(if no website please do a social post, if you have both it would be great to have it promoted on both)*

Please use the **attached social media tile** in the email and follow these instructions:

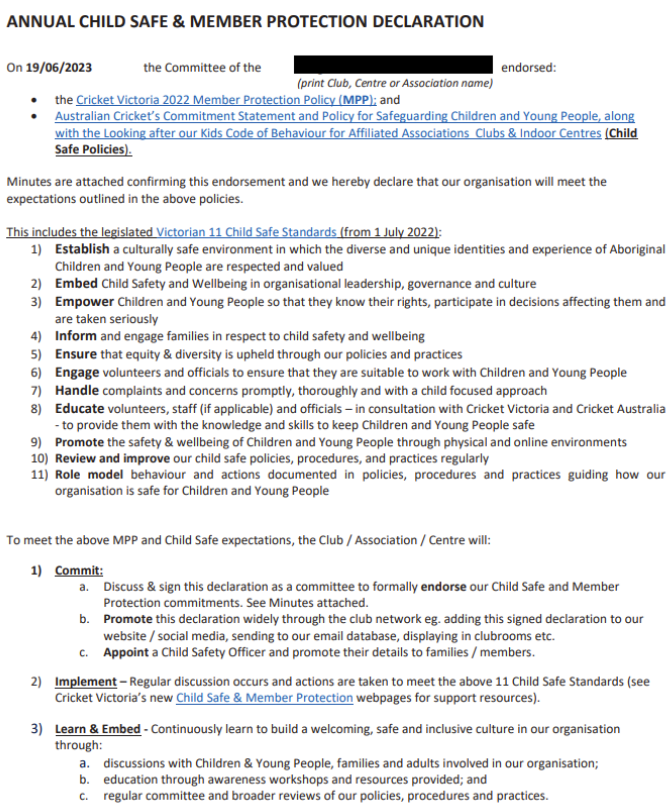
- Post the **same statement as above** (used for a website) along with the link to the Child Safe and Member Protection page on the CV website
- Pin the post to the **Featured** section at the top of your Facebook page so your community can easily access it at any time, and it does not get lost amongst future posts.
    - See: Update photos and stories in the Featured section of your Facebook profile | Facebook Help Center
- If you operate a **closed Facebook group**, please put the link in the form and email a **screenshot of the endorsement** post to gburt@cricketvictoria.com.au for confirmation.

Please NOTE:

If you **do not** have a website or social media, please promote the above by sending an email to your cricket community or use a messenger app or flyers in the social and change rooms.

Important to Remove of Websites and Social Media

If you have any old declarations or policies on your website like below, could you please remove those: eg



ANNUAL CHILD SAFE & MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

On **19/06/2023** the Committee of the [redacted] endorsed:
(print Club, Centre or Association name)

- 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 expectations, the Club / Association / Centre will:

1) **Commit:**
   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 eg. 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.

✅ Complete and Submit the 2025/26 Declaration

Once all the above required information is collected, please submit your declaration using the link below:

➞ Victorian Cricket Integrity Declaration 25/26 Season

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your Cricket Manager directly.

Thank you for your continued commitment to safeguarding children and young people in our cricket community.

Kind regards,
Cricket Victoria