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INFORMATION SHEET

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

Chatswood Croquet Club has adopted the Australian Croquet Association's *Child Safeguarding Policy*. The policy was developed by Sport Integrity Australia. The purpose of the policy is set out in the following summary from the ACA:

The Australian Croquet Association has a zero-tolerance policy to child abuse and neglect in any form.

The Australian Croquet Association is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children in Croquet and Gateball by providing a safe and inclusive environment and by ensuring that everyone involved in croquet and Gateball is educated and informed of their responsibilities to protect and look after Children.

All Children have the right to feel safe and protected from all forms of abuse, harm, and neglect. Children have the right to take part in sport in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment.

The Australian Croquet Association aims to create and maintain an inclusive, child-safe environment that is understood, endorsed, implemented, and adhered to by everyone involved in croquet and Gateball.

This Policy is part of the Australian Croquet Association's proactive and preventative approach to upholding its commitment to the safety, wellbeing, participation and empowerment of all Children who access Croquet and/or Gateball.

This Policy seeks to ensure that everyone involved in Croquet and Gateball is aware of their rights and responsibilities in relation to Children. This Policy sets out the standards of behaviour expected of those involved in croquet and the behaviours that are not acceptable ('Prohibited Conduct').

This Policy imposes obligations on the Australian Croquet Association and Croquet and Gateball Organisations in relation to responding to allegations of Prohibited Conduct, including by reporting suspected Child Abuse to the appropriate authorities, and to

implementing a commitment to child safety and child-safe practices, including recruitment and screening of staff and volunteers.

A full copy of the ACA's *Child Safeguarding Policy* can be accessed at <https://croquet-australia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/NIF-Child-Safeguarding-Policy-v2.0-Apr22.pdf>

In addition, Chatswood Croquet Club has adopted the following guidelines that shall apply to all children under 18 years of age, who join Chatswood Croquet Club as junior members.

Supervision

- Junior Members must only play under the supervision of two adult members of the Club, at least one of whom has a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) issued by Service NSW (referred to as a 'supervising adult member'). Alternatively it maybe one parent and the supervising adult member.
- Supervising adult members must have read and committed to the *Child Safeguarding Policy* (including "Child Safe Practices" and "Responding to Child Abuse Allegations") and have confirmed this by email to info@chatswoodcroquet.org.au. They should also be given a copy of the *Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy*.
- Junior members are not to enter the clubhouse unless accompanied by a supervising adult member and there is at least one other Club member present.
- Any emails to the Junior members will be copied to their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians will be informed of proposed time and location of play, and invited to come and watch if they would like to or to make a mutually convenient time to meet up with a supervising adult member.
- Any phone calls or sms messages with Junior members will be limited to confirming or changing any playing times.
- To the extent feasible the club will rotate the supervising adult members, so the same person is not interacting with the Juniors for multiple weeks.
- Supervising adult members will report any behaviour that they believe may be indicative that the Junior members may not feel they are in a safe environment
- Supervising adult members shall oversee the behaviour of any other members playing games with the Juniors.

Obligations of Junior Members

Junior Members must:

- Only attend and play if there is adult supervision present as set out above.
- Immediately tell the supervising adult member if they have any concerns with how they are being treated, assuming they are comfortable mentioning their concern. Otherwise, they should advise their parents, Rosemary Howard (in person if present or by email at rosemaryhoward@optusnet.com.au) or Bob Berry depending on who they feel most comfortable raising it with.
- Provide notice to Bob Berry (at info@chatswoodcroquet.org.au) if they would like to play at any time outside the normal sessions scheduled on Wednesday afternoon. In such cases they may be playing when members without a WWCC are present and they must arrange for a member with WWCC, and one other adult member, to be present.

- Junior members will be provided by the Chatswood Croquet Club with relevant information and support regarding the *Child Safeguarding Policy* and complaints process.
 - They must advise Bob Berry (by mobile phone 0450 204 729) as soon as possible if they are not attending at the scheduled time so that volunteers can be informed that their attendance is not required.
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