



## **Notice of Motion Form** **2025/26 Season**

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| <b>MOTION NUMBER</b>    | <b>NOM 2025-012 Child Protection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>PROPOSED BY</b>      | <b>Andrea Pullar QC Competitions Administrator</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SECONDED BY</b>      | <b>Anthony Martin, QSDCA Committee member</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>REGARDING</b>        | <b>Appendix J CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>PROPOSAL</b>         | Updates to align with policy updates from Cricket Australia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b> | The changes suggested to Appendix J will remove the dates from the Regulation J1 so that it no longer quotes the out of date policy and can accommodate any updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>COMMENT</b>          | <p>Cricket Australia (and by extension Queensland Cricket and affiliated cricket associations such as QSDCA) strive to make cricket a safe sport for children and young people by adopting child protection policies which are legally up to date, practical and effective.</p> <p><b>"Innocent until proven guilty" is not a sufficient defence to accusations of child abuse.</b> We cannot ignore or neglect this. A finance scandal might end us in a year or six months. A corruption scandal about the same. Accusations of criminal child abuse, however, could end the association <b>overnight</b>.</p> <p>Since 2018 we have adopted CA Safeguarding Children and Young People policies. Practical things we already do to comply include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require all association volunteers, office holders, umpires, committee members to have a current Blue Card</li> <li>• Appoint Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO's)</li> <li>• Require affiliated clubs to comply with the policies</li> </ul> <p>Documentation is displayed at <a href="https://qsdca.com.au/12-safeguarding-children-and-young-people/">https://qsdca.com.au/12-safeguarding-children-and-young-people/</a></p> <p>Importantly, we must stay up to date with new versions of policies. Management Committee cannot wait until the July AGM to adopt changes. A new policy update was released in November 2024. It is not yet approved by the association.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Appendix J will remove dates from the Regulation J1 so that it no longer quotes outdated policy and can accommodate updates.</p> |

| OLD REGULATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Why does it need change?                                                       | PROPOSED NEW REGULATION                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Appendix J CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES</b><br>Applies to All Competitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J1 Cricket Australia's updated 2022 Safeguarding Children and Young People was adopted by QSDCA in 2023. This updates the previously adopted 2018 version.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Years and dates removed to allow updates to be adopted by QSDCA Mancom.</i> | J1 Cricket Australia's <b>most up to date</b> Safeguarding Children and Young People <b>policy will be</b> adopted <b>subject to a QSDCA Management Committee motion.</b> |
| J2 Policy, Member Protection Declaration form, Links to online Child Protection Training, Instructions on Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Child Abuse, QSDCA Member Protection Information Officer contact. Links to Australian Cricket Child Safety Officer Toolkit can be found at <a href="https://qsdca.com.au/12-safeguarding-children-and-young-people/">https://qsdca.com.au/12-safeguarding-children-and-young-people/</a> | <b>No changes</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>BLUE CARDS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J3 Volunteers need a Blue Card if their work in sport includes, or is likely to include, providing services that are directed mainly towards children, or conducting activities that mainly involve children, unless an exemption applies.                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>No changes</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J4 Required information can be found at <a href="http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/">http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>No changes</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J5 QSDCA maintains an online Blue Card Register database with Blue Card Services for all volunteers' Blue Cards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>No changes</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| J6 QSDCA maintains a no card, no start policy for all those who work for the association including umpires, committee members and office bearers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>No changes</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
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