

Police Vetting & Child Safety *Policy*

OBJECTIVES:

To ensure that Management and Coaches of New Zealand clubs and National teams who have direct contact with children are Police vetted AND complete the SportNZ Child Protection in Play, Active Recreation and Sport Online Course, so as to ensure the safety of our tamariki.

PROCEDURES:

1. Following ratification by the Board the Team Management and Coaches of any New Zealand team are to be sent the New Zealand Police Vetting Request Consent Form from the National Office.
2. The completed form and two forms of identification are to be sent from the applicant to the National Office to complete the checks with the New Zealand Police.
3. Following receiving the results the National Office will advise the Board of any concerns IMMEDIATELY. Any criminal record that relates to children, or anything else deemed to be inappropriate in a coaching or management capacity may result in membership being terminated. The results remain confidential.
 - a) The vetting results remain valid for 3 years. After which time the process is required to be repeated.
 - b) Cross Agency vetting is accepted. Proof of vetting is required to be sent to the National Office.
4. All coaches, volunteers aged 18+ who are working with children, committee members must complete the SportNZ Child Protection in Play, Active Recreation and Sport (online course). Link: <https://sporttutor.nz/pages/description.jsf?menuId=1104#/users/@self/catalogues/1834747/courses/1890609/description>
 - a) This course only needs to be completed once, and should form part of SkateNZ Membership AND Club Membership.

Each club is responsible for registering with the NZ Police as a vetting agency & process the vetting for their coaches & volunteers who interact with children

PURPOSE:

To ensure a clear process for Police Vetting and Child Safety requirements to meet our Child Safety health and safety obligations.

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