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CHILD SAFETY IN SPORT

New Victorian Child Safe Standards have come into effect to better protect children and young people. From 1 July 2022, the Victorian Government has brought in eleven new Standards that replaced Victoria's original seven standards and principles.

Basketball Ballarat endorses and adopts the following statement from the Commission for Children and Young People 2022. (The Commission)

"All children have the right to feel safe and to be safe all the time.

As a child safe organisation we will take deliberate steps to protect children from physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse and neglect.

We will put children's safety and wellbeing first and embed a commitment to child safety in every aspect of the organisation.

As a child safe organisation we will foster and demonstrate openness. This will create a culture in which everyone – staff, volunteers, members, parents, carers and children – feel confident, enabled and supported to safely disclose child safety or wellbeing concerns.

All children, their families and carers should feel welcome in this organisation, including feeling able to express their identity and raise concerns about their own or others' safety."

Furthermore, Basketball Ballarat takes note of the 11 Child Safety Standards enunciated by the Commission, and through its policies, practices, codes and behaviours will strive to achieve outcomes which exceed minimum requirements in all areas.





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The 11 Child Safe Standards

Standard 1 : Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

Standard 2 : Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

Standard 3 : Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

Standard 4 : Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Standard 5 : Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

Standard 6 : People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Standard 7 : Processes for complaints and concerns are child-focused.

Standard 8 : Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

Standard 9 : Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

Standard 10 : Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

Standard 11 : Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

Basketball Ballarat will add detail to each of these standards over the coming weeks to assist Clubs to meet their obligations in this area.

