

BBJFC Working With Children Policy

The Government released a new set of Child Safety Standards that came into effect on 1 January 2017. Organisations providing services or facilities for children in Victoria are required to meet the Child Safe Standards from that date. What does that mean for SMJFL Clubs?

The following positions will now require Working With Children Checks:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Trainer
- Runner
- Team Manager
- Umpire Escort
- Coaching Co-ordinator
- Club Volunteer Umpires (modified rules)
- Child Safety Officer
- Any person involved at the club who does not have children at the club i.e. senior players helping with training etc.

The SMJFL will be monitoring the above through the [Blue Q](#) system. Whilst there are several exemptions listed on the Working With Children Check website stating that certain individuals do not require a check, the **only** exemption for the purpose of SMJFL activities is if you are under the age of 18 yourself. Otherwise, if you are involved in any of the above activities must still get a WWC and **upload to Blue Q** to be verified. The Club have nominated Committee member **Jim Galanopoulos** as its Child Safety Officer (CSO) for season 2017. He is contactable on 0400192621 or 0411011423 or by email on hawkeye88@bigpond.com if you need assistance with the process.

So, how do you apply?

Unless you are being paid for any role you perform, you ONLY require a VOLUNTEER check. Volunteer applications are **free**.

You must start the process by completing the online application form at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

To complete the form you must **provide**:

- an email address
- the address of every place you have lived in the last 5 years in Australia
- the name and postal address of the Club (BBJFC, c/o 479 New St Brighton 3186) and SMJFL (Brighton Beach)

have a printer that will print a legible copy of the Application summary.

After filling in the online form, finalise your application at a [participating Australia Post retail outlet](#), by presenting your Application summary, proof of identity documents and a passport quality photo.