



BICTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Our aim is to foster junior cricketers through the age groups in an enjoyable environment.

2. PURPOSE OF OUR POLICY

The main objective of the Member Protection Policy (“policy”) is to maintain responsible behaviour and the making of informed decisions by members and other participants in this Club.

This policy outlines our commitment to a person’s right to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be safe and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse.

Our policy informs everyone involved in our Club of their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities and the standards of behaviour that are expected of them. It also covers the care and protection of children participating in our Club’s activities.

3. WHO OUR POLICY APPLIES TO

This policy applies to everyone involved in the activities of our Club whether they are in a paid or unpaid/voluntary capacity and includes:

- a) Club committee members, administrators and other Club officials;
- b) coaches and assistant coaches and other personnel participating in events and activities, including camps and training sessions;
- c) support personnel, including managers, physiotherapists, psychologists, masseurs, sport trainers and others;
- d) umpires and other officials;
- e) players;
- f) members, including any life members;
- g) parents / guardians; and
- h) spectators

4. EXTENT OF OUR POLICY

Our policy covers all matters directly and indirectly related to the Club and our activities. In particular, the policy governs unfair selection decisions and actions, breaches of our code of behaviour and behaviour that occurs at games, training sessions, in our facilities, at social events organised or sanctioned by the Club, and on away and overnight trips. It also covers private behaviour where that behaviour brings our Club into disrepute or there is suspicion of harm towards a child or young person.

5. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

We will:

- a) adopt, implement and comply with this policy;
- b) appoint a Member Protection Information Officer (**MPIO**) and undertake online training delivered by Play by the Rules, within 6 months of this policy being published;
- c) ensure that this policy is enforceable;
- d) publish, distribute and promote this policy and the consequences of any breaches of this policy;
- e) promote and model appropriate standards of behaviour at all times;

- f) deal with any complaints made under this policy in an appropriate manner;
- g) deal with any breaches of this policy in an appropriate manner;
- h) recognise and enforce any penalty imposed under this policy;
- i) ensure that a copy of this policy is available or accessible to all people and organisations to whom this policy applies;
- j) review this policy every 12-18 months; and
- k) seek advice from and refer serious issues to our Association, The WACA and Cricket Australia.

Serious issues include unlawful behaviour that involves or could lead to significant harm and includes criminal behaviour (e.g. physical assault, sexual assault, child abuse) and any other issues that the WACA and Cricket Australia request to be referred to them.

6. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone associated with our Club must:

- a) make themselves aware of the contents of this policy;
- b) comply with all relevant provisions of this policy, including the standards of behaviour outlined in this policy;
- c) consent to the screening requirements set out in this policy, and any state Working with Children checks if the person holds or applies for a role that involves regular unsupervised contact with a child or young person under the age of 18, or where otherwise required by law;
- d) consent to the screening requirements set out in this policy, and any state Working with Children checks or National Police Checks as requested from time to time by the Club, recognising that such request may not be required by law (such as parents of members and umpires);
- e) treat other people with respect;
- f) always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations;
- g) be responsible and accountable for their behaviour;
- h) follow the guidelines outlined in this policy if they wish to make a complaint or report a concern about possible child abuse, discrimination, harassment, bullying or other inappropriate behaviour; and
- i) comply with any decisions and/or disciplinary measures imposed under this policy.

7. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

7.1. Child Protection

The Club is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who participate in our Club's activities or use our services. We support the rights of the child and will act at all times to ensure that a child-safe environment is maintained. We also support the rights and wellbeing of our staff and volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure and safe environment for all participants.

Bicton Junior Cricket Club acknowledges the valuable contribution made by our members and volunteers and we encourage their active participating in providing a safe, fair and inclusive environment for all participants.

7.2. Identifying and Analysing Risks of Harm

The Club will develop a Risk Management Plan, which includes a review of our existing child protection practices, to determine how child-safe our organisation is and to identify any additional steps we can take to minimise and prevent the risk of harm to children because of the action of an employee, volunteer or another person.

7.3. Developing Codes of Conduct for Adults and Children

We will develop and promote a Code of Conduct that specifies standards of conduct and care we expect of adults when they deal and interact with children, particularly those in our care. We will also implement a code of conduct to promote appropriate behaviour between children.

The codes will clearly describe professional boundaries, ethical behaviour and unacceptable behaviour. (See Attachment 2)

7.4. Choosing Suitable Employees and Volunteers

The Club will ensure that the organisation takes all reasonable steps to ensure that it engages the most suitable and appropriate people to work with children, especially those in positions that involve regular unsupervised contact with children. This may be achieved using a range of screening measures. Such measures will aim to minimise the likelihood of engaging (or retaining) people who are unsuitable to work with children.

The Club will ensure that Working with Children checks and criminal history assessments are conducted for employees and volunteers working with children, where an assessment is required by law. If a criminal history report is obtained as part of the screening process, the Club will ensure that the criminal history information is dealt with confidentially and in accordance with relevant legal requirements. (See Attachment 1.2).

Parents who perform roles such as umpires, coaches, team managers who have a child participating in the activity are not required to undertake Working with Children checks and criminal history assessments.

7.5. Support, Train, Supervise and Enhance Performance

The Club will ensure that all our volunteers who work with children have ongoing support and training. Our goal is to develop their skills and capacity and to enhance their performance so we can maintain a child-safe environment in our Club.

7.6. Promote the Participation of Children In Decision-Making And Service Development

The Club will promote the involvement and participation of children and young people in developing and maintaining a child-safe environment in our Club.

7.7. Report and Respond Appropriately to Suspected Abuse and Neglect

The Club will ensure that employees and volunteers are able to identify and respond appropriately to children at risk of harm and that they are aware of their responsibilities under state laws to make a report if they suspect on reasonable ground that a child has been, or is being, abused or neglected.

In addition to any legal obligations, if any person believes that another person or organisation bound by this policy is acting inappropriately towards a child or is in breach of this policy they may make an internal complaint.

Please refer to our complaints procedure in section 10 of this policy.

Any person who believes a child is in immediate danger or in a life threatening situation, should contact the police immediately.

7.8. Supervision

Children under the age of 18 should be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. We endeavour to provide an appropriate level of supervision at all times. If a member finds a child under the age of 18 is unsupervised, they should assume responsibility for the child's safety until the child's parent/guardian or supervisor is located.

For reasons of courtesy and safety, parents must collect their children on time. If it appears a member will be left alone with just one child at the end of any Club activity, they will ask another member to stay until the child is collected.

7.9. Transportation

Parents and or guardians are responsible for organising the transportation of their children to and from Club activities (e.g. training and games). Where we make arrangements for the transportation of children (e.g. for away matches or overnight trips), we will assess the risk, including ensuring that vehicles are adequately insured, the driver has a current and appropriate licence for the vehicle being used and the appropriate safety measures are in place (e.g. fitted working seatbelts).

7.10. Taking Images of Children

Images of children can be used inappropriately or illegally. We require that members, wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent or guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. The parent or guardian also needs to be informed how the image will be used.

To respect people's privacy, we do not allow camera phones, videos and cameras to be used inside changing areas, showers and toilets, which we control or are used in connection with our Club.

When using a photo of a child, we will not name or identify the child or publish personal information, such as residential address, email address or telephone number, without the consent of the child's parent or guardian. We will not provide information about a child's hobbies, interests, school or the like as this can be used by paedophiles or other persons to "groom" a child.

We will only use images of children that are relevant to our Club's activities and in a manner that promotes our Club. We will seek permission from a child's parent or guardian before using their images.

8. DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

Our Club is committed to providing an environment in which people are treated fairly and equitably and that is, as far as practicable, free from all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying.

We recognise that people may not be able to enjoy themselves or perform at their best if they are treated unfairly, discriminated against, harassed or bullied.

8.1. Discrimination

Unlawful discrimination involves the less favourable treatment of a person on the basis of one or more of the personal characteristics protected by State or Federal anti-discrimination laws.

Discrimination includes both direct and indirect discrimination:

- a) **Direct discrimination** occurs if a person treats, or proposes to treat, a person with a protected personal characteristic unfavourably because of that personal characteristic.
- b) **Indirect discrimination** occurs if a person imposes, or proposes to impose, a requirement, condition or practice that will disadvantage a person with a protected personal characteristic and that requirement, condition or practice is not reasonable.

For the purpose of determining discrimination, the offender's awareness and motive are irrelevant.

8.2. Harassment

Harassment is any unwelcome conduct, verbal or physical, that intimidates, offends or humiliates another person and which happens because a person has a certain personal characteristic protected by State or Federal anti-discrimination legislation.

The offensive behaviour does not have to take place a number of times, a single incident can constitute harassment.

Sexual harassment is one type of harassment. Sexual harassment involves unwelcome conduct, remarks or innuendo of a sexual nature. It covers a wide range of behaviours and can be verbal, written, visual or physical. Sexual harassment is not limited to members of the opposite sex.

Every person is covered by the anti-discrimination laws that apply in their State as well as the Federal anti-discrimination laws.

The following is a list of all the personal characteristics that apply throughout Australia:

- a) gender;
- b) race, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin, nationality, ethno-religious origin, immigration;
- c) national extraction or social origin;
- d) marital status, relationship status, identity of spouse or domestic partner;
- e) pregnancy, potential pregnancy, breastfeeding;
- f) family or carer responsibilities, status as a parent or carer;
- g) age;
- h) religion, religious beliefs or activities;
- i) political beliefs or activities;
- j) lawful sexual activity;
- k) sexual orientation and gender identity;
- l) profession, trade, occupation or calling;
- m) irrelevant criminal record, spent convictions;
- n) irrelevant medical record;
- o) member of association or organisation of employees or employers, industrial activity, trade union activity;
- p) physical features;
- q) disability, mental or physical impairment;
- r) defence service; and
- s) personal association with someone who has, or is assumed to have, any of these personal characteristics.

Legislation also prohibits:

- a) racial, religious, homosexual, transgender and HIV/AIDS vilification; and
- b) victimisation resulting from a complaint.

8.3. Bullying

The Club is committed to providing an environment that is free from bullying. We understand that bullying has the potential to result in significant negative consequences for an individual's health and wellbeing, and we regard bullying in all forms as unacceptable at our Club.

Bullying is characterised by repeated, unreasonable behaviour directed at a person, or group of persons, that creates a risk to health and safety. Bullying behaviour is that which a reasonable person in the circumstances would expect to victimise, humiliate, undermine, threaten, degrade, offend or intimidate a person. Bullying behaviour can include actions of an individual or group.

Whilst generally characterised by repeated behaviours, one off instances can amount to bullying.

The following types of behaviour, where repeated or occurring as part of a pattern of behaviour, would be considered bullying:

- a) verbal abuse including shouting, swearing, teasing, making belittling remarks or persistent unjustified criticism;
- b) excluding or isolating a group or person;
- c) spreading malicious rumours; or
- d) psychological harassment such as intimidation.

Bullying includes cyber-bullying which occurs through the use of technology. New technologies and communication tools, such as smart phones and social networking websites, have greatly increased the potential for people to be bullied through unwanted and inappropriate comments. We will not tolerate abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements being made online.

If any person believes they are being, or have been, bullied by another person or organisation bound by this policy, he or she may make a complaint. (Refer to Item 10 of this policy.)

9. INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Our Club is welcoming and we will seek to include members from all areas of our community.

The following are examples of some of our inclusive practices.

9.1. People with a disability

The Club will not discriminate against any person because they have a disability. Where it is necessary, we will make reasonable adjustments (e.g. modifications to equipment and rules) to enable participation.

9.2. People from diverse cultures

We will support, respect and encourage people from diverse cultures and religions to participate in our Club and where possible we will accommodate requests for flexibility (e.g. modifications to uniforms).

9.3. Sexual & gender identity

All people, regardless of their sexuality or gender identity, are welcome at our Club. We strive to provide a safe environment for participation and will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment because of a person's sexuality or gender identity.

10. RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS

10.1. Complaints

Our Club takes all complaints about on and off-field behaviour seriously. Our Club will handle complaints under this policy, based on the principles of procedural fairness, and ensure:

- a) all complaints will be taken seriously;
- b) the person who has a complaint being made against them, will be given full details of what is being alleged against them and have the opportunity to respond to those allegations;
- c) irrelevant matters will not be taken into account;
- d) decisions will be unbiased; and
- e) any penalties imposed will be reasonable.

More serious complaints may be escalated by the MPIO to our Association, The WACA and Cricket Australia.

If the complaint relates to suspected child abuse, sexual assault or other criminal activity, then our Club may need to report the behaviour to the police and/or relevant government authority.

10.2. Complaint Handling Process

When a complaint is received by our Club, the person receiving the complaint (e.g. President, MPIO) will:

- a) listen carefully and ask questions to understand the nature and extent of the concern;
- b) ask what the complainant how they would like their concern to be resolved and if they need any support;
- c) explain the different options available to help resolve the complainant's concern;
- d) inform the relevant government authorities and/or police, if required by law to do so; and
- e) where possible and appropriate, maintain confidentiality but not necessarily anonymity.

Once the complainant decides on their preferred option for resolution, the Club will assist, where appropriate and necessary, with the resolution process. This may involve:

- a) supporting the person complaining to talk to the person being complained about;
- b) bringing all the people involved in the complaint together to talk objectively through the problem (this could include external mediation);
- c) gathering more information (e.g. from other people that may have seen the behaviour);
- d) seeking advice from our district, regional, state and/or national body or from an external agency (e.g. State Department of Sport or anti-discrimination agency);
- e) referring the complaint to our Association or to the WACA if the matter is a serious or criminal complaint; and/or
- f) referring the complainant to an external agency such as a community mediation centre, police or anti-discrimination agency.

In situations where a serious or criminal complaint is referred to the WACA and an investigation is conducted, the Club will:

- a) co-operate fully with the investigation;
- b) where applicable, ensure the complainant is not placed in an unsupervised situation with the respondent(s); and
- c) act on the WACA's recommendations.

At any stage of the process, a person can seek advice from an anti-discrimination commission or other external agency and, if the matter is within their jurisdiction, may lodge a complaint with the anti-discrimination commission or other external agency.

Complaints of a criminal nature should be reported to police immediately.

10.3. Disciplinary Sanctions

Our Club may take disciplinary action against anyone found to have breached our policy or made false and malicious allegations. Any disciplinary measure imposed under our policy must:

- a) be applied consistent with any contractual and employment rules and requirements;
- b) be fair and reasonable;
- c) be based on the evidence and information presented and the seriousness of the breach; and
- d) be determined by our constituent documents, by Laws and the rules of the game.

Possible sanctions that may be taken include:

- a) a direction that the individual make verbal and/or written apology;
- b) a direction that the individual undertake and complete a course (such as those offered by Play by the Rules);
- c) counselling of the individual to address behaviour;
- d) withdrawal of any awards, placings, records, achievements bestowed in any tournaments, activities or events held or sanctioned by our Club;
- e) suspension or termination of membership, participation or engagement in a role or activity;
- f) de-registration of accreditation for a period of time or permanently;
- g) a fine; or
- h) any other form of discipline that our Club considers reasonable and appropriate.

10.4. Appeals

The complainant or respondent may be entitled to lodge an appeal against a decision made in relation to a complaint (including a decision where disciplinary sanctions are imposed by our Club) to the WACA. Appeals must be based on any right of appeal provided for in the relevant constituent documents, rules, regulations or by laws.

ATTACHMENT 1.1: MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

The Club has a duty of care to all those associated with our Club and to the individuals and organisations to whom this policy applies. As a requirement of our Member Protection Policy, we must enquire into the background of those who undertake any work, coaching or regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years.

I, (name) of

..... (address) born/...../.....

sincerely declare:

- a) I do not have any criminal charge pending before the any court.
- b) I do not have any criminal convictions or findings of guilt for sexual offences, offences related to children or acts of violence, fraud or any drug offences.
- c) I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer, sporting organisation or similar body involving child abuse, sexual misconduct or harassment, other forms of harassment or acts of violence, fraudulent acts or drug offences.
- d) To my knowledge there is no other matter that the Club may consider to constitute a risk to its members, employees, volunteers, athletes or reputation by engaging me.
- e) I will notify the President of the Club immediately upon becoming aware that any of the matters set out in clauses (a) to (d) above has changed.

Declared in the State of Western Australia

on/...../.....(date)

Signature

Parent/Guardian Consent (in respect of a person under the age of 18 years)

I have read and understood the declaration provided by my child. I confirm and warrant that the contents of the declaration provided by my child are true and correct in every particular.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

ATTACHMENT 1.2: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK REQUIREMENTS

Working with Children checks aim to create a child-safe environment and to protect children and young people involved in our sport from physical and sexual harm.

They assess the suitability of people to work with children and young people and can involve:

- a) criminal history checks;
- b) signed declarations;
- c) referee checks; and
- d) other relevant background checks to assess a person's suitability to work with children and young people.

Working with Children check requirements vary across Australia. [Fact Sheets](#) for each state and territory are available on the Play by the Rules website: www.playbytherules.net

Detailed information, including the forms required to complete a Working with Children check, are available from the Department for Child Protection (www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au) or 1800 883 979

Travelling to other states or territories

It is important to remember that when travelling to other states or territories, representatives of sporting organisations must comply with the legislative requirements of that particular state or territory.

In certain jurisdictions, temporary, time limited exemptions from working with children checks may be available for interstate visitors with a Working with Children check in their home state.

The laws providing interstate exemptions are not consistent across Australia.

If an employee or volunteer for your Club is travelling interstate to do work that would normally require a working for children check, you will need to check the relevant requirements of that state or territory.

ATTACHMENT 2: CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

3 Codes of Behaviour

The following Codes of Behaviour identify a selection of key principles upon which coaches, teachers, umpires, parents and players should base their cricket involvement. The codes ensure that participants develop good sporting behaviours and an inherently positive cricket experience, which encourages them to remain involved in cricket throughout their lives.

The Codes of Behaviour were developed by the Australian Sports Commission and have been adapted to reflect the principles and Spirit of Cricket in Australia.

- Cricket Australia recommends the adoption of these codes by associations, their clubs and schools and to distribute the codes to all appropriate groups at the commencement of the cricket season. They should apply in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, any other codes that a school, club or association may have in place.

Coaches

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun;
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first;
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same;
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience;
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players;
- Display control and respect to all involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same;
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people;
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



6 Well Played

Umpires

- In accordance with Cricket Australia guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people;
- Compliment and encourage all participants;
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants;
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable;
- Be a good sport – actions speak louder than words;
- Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people;
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive;
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else;
- Give all people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket;
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Encourage your child to play by the rules;
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Respect officials' decisions. Teach children to do likewise;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

ATTACHMENT 3: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

RECORD OF COMPLAINT

Name of person receiving complaint		Date:
Complainant's Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18
Complainant's contact details	Phone: Email:	
Complainant's role/status in Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator (volunteer) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete/player <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator <input type="checkbox"/> Coach/Assistant Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Support Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Employee (paid) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (detail): <input type="checkbox"/> Official	
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Description of alleged issue		

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<p>What they want to happen to fix issue</p>																					
<p>Information provided to them</p>																					
<p>Resolution and/or action taken</p>																					
<p>Follow-up action</p>																					

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE

If you believe a child is in immediate danger or a life-threatening situation, contact the Police immediately on 000.

Fact sheets on reporting allegations of child abuse in different states and territories are available at www.playbytherules.net.au

We will treat any allegation of child abuse or neglect promptly, seriously and with a high degree of sensitivity.

All people working with Bicton Junior Cricket Club in a paid or unpaid capacity have a duty to report any concerns to the appropriate authorities, following the steps outlined below.

Step 1: Receive the allegation

If a child or young person raises with you an allegation of child abuse or neglect that relates to them or to another child, it is important that you listen, stay calm and be supportive.

Do	Don't
Make sure you are clear about what the child has told you	Do not challenge or undermine the child
Reassure the child that what has occurred is not his or her fault	Do not seek detailed information, ask leading questions or offer an opinion.
Explain that other people may need to be told in order to stop what is happening.	Do not discuss the details with any person other than those detailed in these procedures.
Promptly and accurately record the discussion in writing.	Do not contact the alleged offender.

Step 2: Report the allegation

Immediately report any allegation of child abuse or neglect, or any situation involving a child at risk of harm, to the police and/or the relevant child protection agency. You may need to make a report to both.

Contact the relevant child protection agency or police for advice if there is any doubt about whether the allegation should be reported.

If the allegation involves a person to whom this policy applies, then also report the allegation to the WACA so that it can assist manage the situation.

Step 3: Protect the child and manage the situation

The Executive Committee will assess the immediate risks to the child and take interim steps to ensure the child's safety and the safety of any other children. This may include redeploying the alleged offender to a position where there is no unsupervised contact with children, supervising the alleged offender or removing/suspending him or her until any investigations have been concluded.

The Executive Committee in consultation with the WACA will consider what services may be most appropriate to support the child and his or her parent/s.

The Executive Committee in consultation with the WACA will consider what support services may be appropriate for the alleged offender.

The Executive Committee in consultation with the WACA will seek to put in place measures to protect the child and the alleged offender from possible victimisation and gossip.

Step 4: Take internal action

At least three different investigations could be undertaken to examine allegations that are made against a person to whom this policy applies, including:

- a) a criminal investigation (conducted by the police)
- b) a child protection investigation (conducted by the relevant child protection agency)
- c) a disciplinary or misconduct inquiry/investigation (conducted by the Club, WACA and/or Cricket Australia or independent body).

The Club will assess the allegations and determine what action should be taken in the circumstances and may consult with the WACA and/or Cricket Australia as required. Depending on the situation, action may include considering whether the alleged offender should return to his or her position, be dismissed, banned or suspended or face other disciplinary action.

If disciplinary action is undertaken, we will follow the procedures set out in Clause 10 of this policy.

Where required we will provide the relevant government agency with a report of any disciplinary action we take.

Contact details for advice or to report an allegation of child abuse:

WACA

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD OF CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATION

Before completing, ensure the procedures outlined in Procedure for Handling Allegations of Child Abuse have been followed and advice has been sought from the relevant government agency and/or police.

Complainant's Name (if other than the child)		Date Formal Complaint Received:
Role/status in sport	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator (volunteer) <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete/player <input type="checkbox"/> Coach/Assistant Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Employee (paid) <input type="checkbox"/> Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator <input type="checkbox"/> Support Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (detail):
Child's name		Age:
Child's address		
Person's reason for suspecting abuse (e.g. observation, injury, disclosure)		
Name of person complained about		
Role/status in sport	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator (volunteer) <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete/player <input type="checkbox"/> Coach/Assistant Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Employee (paid) <input type="checkbox"/> Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator <input type="checkbox"/> Support Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (detail):
Witnesses (if more than 3 witnesses, attach details to this form)	Name (1): Contact details: Name (2): Contact details: Name (3): Contact details:	

Interim action (if any) taken (to ensure child's safety and/or to support needs of person complained about)	
Police contacted	Who: When: Advice provided:
Government agency contacted	Who: When: Advice provided:
President and/or MPIO contacted	Who: When:
Police and/or government agency investigation	Finding:
Internal investigation (if any)	Finding:
Action taken	
Completed by	Name: Position: Signature: Date:
Signed by	Complainant (if not a child) Date:

This record and any notes must be kept in a confidential and safe place and provided to the relevant authorities (police and government) should they require them.