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Child safe requirements

As a legal requirement under the SA Child Safeguarding Policy Addendum, clubs need to register as relevant organisations with the Central Assessment Unit (Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit) and verify via their Organisation Portal that the Relevant Person has a valid working with Children Check and is not prohibited, it is not acceptable to sight a clearance e-mail, the verification must be done online.

Please note 4.4 (from the SA Addendum) If a club or association has significant involvement by children, then under the Prohibited Persons Act and regulations all volunteers and employees are required to have a valid Working with children check (and not be a Prohibited Person), regardless of whether they have contact with children.

Once your club is registered, you need to find the member clearance on line, make sure they are registered with the club, and then do an interrogation certification and save a copy.

This must be done for any one 14 years and over who volunteers, including riders, parents, committee members and volunteers.

Once clubs have registered they will be able to request WWCC for their members when they need renewing and for new people wanting to join.

It will also mean if someone becomes Prohibited the club will be notified.

This needs to be actioned ASAP and completed by 1st March 2023, with declaration sent to the office by 1st March 2023.

The Addendum is attached with this bulletin and a copy for clubs to sign as a declaration will be coming soon. All clubs need to sign and return, as PCASA are lodging a declaration on your behalf to state clubs are complying with the act and addendum.

Please note it's a \$10,000 fine for non-compliance.

If clubs don't sign the declaration and return, the state will not lodge on club's behalf, meaning all clubs will be required to lodge their own compliance statement.

Thank you.

Ann Olsen
PCASA President
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