

FHC - Working With Children Check

ALL CLUB VOLUNTEERS & STAFF WHO REGULARLY WORK WITH PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE REQUIRED TO GET A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

At Footscray Hockey Club we will meet government regulations for sporting clubs and ensure that people who work or engage with children under the age of 18 have a current Working With Children Card.

The following personnel in the Men's, Women's & Junior sections require a Working With Children Card (note: the senior section personnel also required a WWCC due to members who are U18 playing seniors).

- Coaches
- Team Managers
- Coordinators
- Directors
- Physio /Trainers /Regular rostered Umpires

Click here for the relevant website which has complete details of the Legislation and can guide you through the process for completing the WWC Check <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>

You need a Check if you meet ALL 6 criteria listed below.

1. You are an adult working with under 18 year olds.
2. You are working as one of the following:
 - an employee
 - a volunteer
3. You are working in any of the occupational fields listed in the Act. Go to [Occupational fields](#) for the full list. (Includes coaches and sporting clubs)
4. Your work involves direct contact with children, which means you are able to talk face-to-face or have physical contact with children.
5. Your contact with children is part of your duties i.e. not incidental to your work.
6. Your contact with children is not directly supervised by another person.

EXEMPTIONS

You are exempt from the check if you are -

- under 18 years of age
- a teacher who is currently registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)
- Victoria Police officer or an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer

Please provide your VIT, VicPol or AFP details.

Under the legislation, parents do not need to apply for a WWCC if their child is involved in the relevant activity. However, FHC does not endorse this exemption and it expressly requires that all parents that meet the criteria set out above apply for, and obtain a WWCC. A number of sports bodies have taken this view in order to maximise the protection of children involved in sport.

What do I need to do?

- Go to the WWC website: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>
- Apply for the WWC OR advise FHC as to the reason/s why you may be exempt.
- Ensure that you have nominated FHC as a relevant organisation during the application process
- Please note the Volunteer WWC Application is free of charge.
- Provide the FHC WWCC Coordinator with a photocopy (or a photo) of the front and back of your WWC card.