

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WORKING WITH CHILDREN POLICY



The Eltham Junior Football Club recognises the importance of protecting the wellbeing of all children from the possibility of harm. Accordingly the following policy has been developed to ensure the protection of all children whilst playing for the Eltham Junior Football Club.

In order to do this working with children checks are required for all volunteers at the club. This includes but is not limited to the following volunteers:

- Committee Members
- Team Managers
- Coaches
- Assistant Coaches
- Medics
- Runners

About the Check

- The Working with Children Check (WWCC) helps protect children from physical and sexual harm.
- The scheme aims to prevent those who pose a risk to children from working or volunteering with them.
- In order to part take in any child related work/ volunteer roles you must obtain and pass a WWCC.
- The WWCC screens people's criminal record and in some cases their professional conduct records.
- A WWCC enables the volunteer to do child related activities such as coaching - for a 5 year period. During that time your criminal record will continue to be monitored.
- The WWCC may be suspended or revoked at any time.
- The volunteer WWCC is free and requires paperwork completed online and 100 points of ID.
- The ACT defines children as anyone less than 18 years of age.

EJFC Responsibilities

- As an organisation the EJFC is responsible to ensure all people who need a check hold a valid WWCC and the Secretary will obtain copies of card numbers/ or copies of cards for that season.
- Any person who fails to obtain or does not pass the WWCC will not be able to participate on game day or at training in an unsupervised role with the children.
- The WWCC does not assess a person's suitability to work with or care for children in a particular role. It is the responsibility of the EJFC to assess if a worker is suitable to work with children and continue monitoring their behaviour around children.