

## MEMO 02 - 26

**To:** Queensland Clubs  
**From:** Football Queensland  
**Subject:** Queensland Child Safety Standards – Compliance Reminder  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

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Dear Clubs

As you are aware, Football Queensland requires anyone working with children and young people – including coaches, officials, staff, committee members, and parents volunteering in child-related roles – to hold a current, valid Blue Card. As this is not a new requirement, clubs should already have processes in place to ensure compliance.

With the [introduction of the Queensland Child Safe Standards](#), which clubs are required to comply with by **1 April 2026**, it is timely to review your club's compliance processes and ensure all personnel are familiar with their obligations.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with the Queensland Child Safe Standards and associated legislative requirements. While Football Queensland may provide guidance and support, implementation and ongoing compliance sit with each affiliated club.

In addition to Queensland Government requirements, Football Queensland mandates that all persons aged 18 years and over volunteering within affiliated clubs hold a current, valid Blue Card. This includes volunteer parents.

**The only permitted exemptions within FQ-affiliated clubs are:**

- Individuals under 18 years of age; and
- AHPRA-registered health professionals solely performing their professional role within a team environment (e.g. senior team physiotherapist).

**Football Queensland's child safety approach aligns with:**

- Football Australia's Safeguarding Framework
- The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
- The Queensland Child Safe Standards

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### **Adopting these principles means that Queensland clubs:**

- Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children
- Have clear governance, policies, and procedures for child protection
- Promote a culture where children are listened to, and their voices are valued
- Implement practices that manage risk, respond to concerns, and continually improve safety

### **Key obligations for clubs under current legislation and Football Queensland's mandate include:**

- Maintaining an active Blue Card Services Portal for your club
- Ensuring all personnel and volunteers in child-facing roles hold valid Blue Cards
- Monitoring Blue Card status and acting immediately on any changes (e.g. cancellations or negative notices)
- Keeping records of child safety training and completed self-audits
- Ensuring policies reflect the updated Child Safe Standards

### **ACTION REQUIRED BY CLUBS:**

#### **1. Review Policies and Procedures**

Ensure your club's child safety policies reflect the latest standards.

#### **2. Verify Blue Card Compliance**

Confirm all child-facing personnel hold current, valid Blue Cards and ensure your club's Blue Card Services Portal is accurate and up to date.

- If you are unsure whether your club has an active Blue Card Services Portal, please contact Blue Card Services on 137 468 to confirm.
- If your club does not have a Blue Card Services Portal, you must apply online and create a Portal user account as a matter of priority. [Creating a Portal user account](#).

#### **3. Training and Awareness**

Ensure all relevant personnel complete appropriate child safety training and maintain records of completion.

#### **4. Document and Monitor**

Maintain accurate compliance records and schedule regular reviews to ensure ongoing adherence.

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## Support and Resources

Clubs are encouraged to review and utilise the following resources:

- Information sessions delivered by Blue Card Services (online and in person) – registration available via [Queensland Government events page](#)
- “[Staying on track](#) – your right to blue card compliance” guidance document (Blue Card Services)
- Quick Reference Guide to [implementing the Universal Principle](#) and [Child Safe Standards in Queensland](#)
- [Child Safe Standards Self-Assessment Tool](#)

Additional guidance and implementation resources are available from the [Queensland Family and Child Commission](#).

By taking these steps, clubs will continue to provide a safe and child-focused environment in line with legislation and best practice standards.

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