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Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries

MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION

State Volleyball NSW and its Affiliates, are required to implement some new processes so that we comply with the new NSW Working With Children legislation, that came into effect in 2013.

There is a vast range of industry sectors in NSW currently working with children, so there is a 5 year Phase In Schedule to assist with the gradual compliance of all sectors to the new legislation. SVNSW falls into the category of "*Clubs or other bodies providing services to children (including sporting bodies)*" that will be Phased In between 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

As part of our on-going commitment to ensuring the safety and well being of children and young adults involved within our sport, SVNSW has adopted an interim Member Protection Declaration that aligns with the new NSW Working With Children legislation, in anticipation of our Sector's Phase In by 2016.

This new Member Protection Declaration replaces the previous Department of Sport & Recreation "Volunteer/Student Declaration". Organisations can no longer rely on the NSWDSR forms. The SVNSW Member Protection Declaration is for coaches, managers, trainers or any other persons aged over 16 years (in either a paid or voluntary capacity) who are involved directly in child-related roles.

We encourage all Affiliates to take a moment to read the SVNSW Member Protection Declaration, and create a process for your Club or Association that:

1. Makes a commitment to ensure the safety of all children and young adults involved in your activities
2. Advises all coaches, managers, trainers or other persons involved with your juniors, that new measures are in place, their co-operation is required to complete a Member Protection Declaration;
3. Keep an accurate record of issued and completed Declarations for your Club or Association.

Future activities involved in achieving full compliance with the new legislation include:

- workers (paid or volunteer) applying for a unique Working With Children number;
- workers supplying these numbers to organisations they wish to work/volunteer with;
- organisation's verifying a workers identification via a new online system; and
- an organisation's new legal requirements for record-keeping relating to verified workers.

SVNSW will hold briefing sessions with Affiliates on these topics, and work closely with you during our sector's Phase In period.

Kind regards

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Executive Officer