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COMMUNITY RUGBY LEAGUE MEMO

RE: Compliance to Child Safe Standards

TO: All Regions, Leagues and Clubs

FOR: URGENT DISTRIBUTION

Following the introduction of the Child Safe Organisations Act 2024, the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) has been established to oversee the implementation and compliance the new safeguarding framework. All affiliated QRL Clubs, Leagues and Associations are required to comply with the 10 Child Safe Standards, which are based on the National Principles. Additionally, the Universal Principle of Child Safe Standards must be upheld as a core requirement.

The Universal Principle emphasises the promotion and protection of the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in all aspects of child safeguarding. This requires proactive, inclusive, and comprehensive policies and practices to foster trust, accountability, and positive outcomes while preventing harm.

Resources to support clubs in understanding and implementing this principle are available on the [QRL Club House](#) and the [QFCC website](#). The principle will be introduced through a staggered process beginning 1 October 2025, with full implementation required by 1 April 2026.

In line with these principles and current compliance requirements, the following measures must be adhered to by all Clubs, Leagues & Associations to ensure alignment with Blue Card Services guidelines and the NRL Registration Terms and Conditions:

1. Ensure all volunteers are registered in MySideline and indicate the role they will be performing.
2. Review the [Play Rugby League](#) website and complete all relevant training for your role. The [Patrons of the Game](#) online module is a mandatory minimum requirement for all volunteers.
3. Volunteers must provide their Blue Card details to the club registrar. These details must be linked to both the club's Blue Card portal and the individual's MySideline profile.
4. Volunteers without a current Blue Card must obtain one prior to commencing any duties. Note: [The NRL registration terms and conditions](#) do not recognize parent exemptions for obtaining a Blue Card for any rugby league volunteer roles.

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These compliance measures are critical for prioritising the safety and well-being of children and ensuring that all affiliated Clubs, Leagues, and Associations meet Queensland and National legislative requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to creating a positive and safe environments for our children.

Yours Sincerely,

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