

Vulnerable Children's Act and Safeguarding Children eLearning

NNZ seeks to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all people participating in the activities of NNZ and its members. To ensure that suitable and appropriate staff and volunteers (including parents) are working with children and young people in Netball, a robust recruitment and screening process should be followed for all roles. Screening is also required for staff and volunteers currently engaged in existing roles. A child/young person is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.

Screening of volunteers during recruitment

As set out in the NNZ Regulations Harassment Free Regulations 2017 and requirements under the Vulnerable Children's Act screening shall include:

- i) Interviewing the applicant.
- ii) Verifying the applicant's application form and referees.
- iii) Obtaining a Police Check for the preferred applicant.
- iv) Obtaining a Ministry of Justice Criminal check for the preferred applicant.

The NNZ Safe Netball for Children Policy goes into further detail [here](#) including regulations, protocols and processes for keeping children and young people safe in Netball.

Safeguarding Children eLearning for volunteers

Use the Safeguarding Children eLearning module 'Child Protection in Sport' to provide a learning opportunity that instils confidence in both your volunteer and organisation when working with children and young people.

The volunteer will learn what they can do to help create a safe organisation. They will gain the knowledge and skills to identify, respond and report child abuse and neglect. They can play their part in making a difference for our children and young people.

Topics include:

- Why protecting children from abuse and neglect is important
- Professional Standards
- Side-line behaviour
- The Four Rs: Recognise, Respond, Report and Record
- Relevant New Zealand legislation
- Downloadable resources available
- Introduction by Norm Hewitt, a Safeguarding Children advocate, anti-bullying campaigner and ex All Black

On completion of the course, participants receive a certificate as a record of their continuing professional development. Click [here](#) for the Child Protection in Sport module (there is a cost of \$30.00).