



MPP & Child Safeguarding FAQ Sheet

1. Which policy would you refer to regarding appropriate online safety for children?

Child & Youth Risk Management Strategy *Section 12, page 16*

2. A game can be recorded/photographed by a spectator?

The general rule is that where a sport or sporting activity is taking place on public property (council owned) it is legal for anyone (including parents and guardians) to take pictures of sporting activities, without permission *Safeguarding FAQ's (13)*

3. Can a photo or video of anyone be published?

Individuals featured in photographs and or videos (or a parent/guardian if under 18 years) must have given consent for their image to be published, as personal information protection principles must be respected *CYRMS - 9.1*

4. Should photographs be taken in the change room?

No photography of any kind will take place in a change room *CYRMS - 7.5*

5. A child wants to talk to the coach 'privately' can this happen?

This should be done in an open area and in sight of other adults, whilst upholding privacy *CYRMS - 3.3*

6. Can adult coaching staff/volunteers contact a child participant directly?

All communication with child/ren will be done via a parent/guardian *CYRMS - 11.1*

7. A coach has received a friend request from an child player on Facebook. Should they accept the friend request?

Coaches & personnel in positions of authority should maintain clear social boundaries attend sport related events such as sponsorship and fundraising events, celebrations & annual meetings but do not socialise with children outside sporting functions *CYRMS - 4.4*

8. A coach has contacted only one of their team members through Facebook messenger, has the coach acted in the correct way?

QRL staff or volunteers will not have any private contact with a child for any reason via any method i.e. no contact will be made in person, online, telephone or via any other means, other than that which has been approved by a parent/guardian *CYRMS - 11.2*

9. The team manager wants to set up a closed Facebook group, to communicate to the team of child participants. What is the first thing they should do?

The QRL recommends that all closed online club/team related "Chat Groups" are approved by the Club/ League Executive with a delegated member of the Executive having access to these groups *CYRMS - 12.6*



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10. The manager of an U15 girls team has set up a closed Facebook group for communicating to the team. The group consists of the team manager, coach and 18 participants. Should the manager be setting up a closed Facebook group in this way?

Appropriate adult to child ratios should be present during online calls, group meetings, live recordings, WhatsApp, Facebook closed groups, Messenger etc. 4-8 yrs - one Ad:six Ch. 9-12 yrs - one Ad:eight Ch, 13 - 18 yrs - one Ad to ten Ch *CYRMS - 12.2*

11. Training for the team is from 5-6pm. At 7pm one of the child participants has not been picked up by their parent/guardian. The Coach decides to take the child home in their car. Have they acted correctly?

At no time, will a coach, manager, or other appropriate QRL person transport a child to their home, or another alternative location, unless expressed permission has been given by the child's parent /guardian and in the company of a second person *CYRMS - 2.8*

12. What are the requirements for accommodation when travelling with a team of children?

Children must be segregated from adults for accommodation arrangements, with the exception of appropriate adult supervision. e.g. players divided into rooms and coaching staff in another room or players divided into rooms with two or more coaching staff in each room with the players *CYRMS - 6.2*

13. When an adult is acting in an 'official capacity' (coach, volunteer) can they smoke/vape?

Coaches, officials, trainers, volunteers and players will refrain from smoking and remain smoke-free whilst involved in an official capacity, both on and off the field
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14. When an adult is acting in an 'official capacity' (coach, volunteer) can they consume alcohol?

NO alcohol is to be consumed by QRL staff and volunteers whilst providing supervision to children or during children's rugby league activities and events *CYRMS - 6.5*

15. Can a pregnant participant continue to play Rugby League?

The QRL will follow advice of a medical professional, and, where possible, modify training regimes or competition practices. The QRL may request certain additional criteria *MPP - page 21*