



## **CHILD & YOUTH RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

REFERENCE GUIDE FOR CLUB  
COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

### **PURPOSE:**

To help clubs provide a safe and supportive environment for children by implementing a clear Child & Youth Risk Management Strategy (CYRMS), in line with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

#### 1. Every Club Must:

- Commit to keeping kids safe from harm
- Ensure all child-facing roles hold a valid Blue Card
- Respond quickly and appropriately to concerns or disclosures
- Use the CYRMS toolkit to guide practice, reporting, and event safety

#### 2. Key Roles:

- President/Chair: Ensures this strategy is in place and followed
- MPIO (Member Protection Information Officer): First contact for concerns, assists with reporting
- Volunteers & Coaches: Complete required checks/training and follow safe conduct guidelines

### **GETTING STARTED**

From September 2025:

- Review and adopt the CYRMS Policy (to be provided)
- Complete Volunteer Induction & Training
- Verify Blue Card status and link volunteers to the Blue Card portal
- Share the Code of Conduct and Safeguarding expectations
- Upload or file completed forms (e.g., transport consent, risk plans)

If Something Goes Wrong:



- If a child is at risk of immediate harm CALL 000
- Report all concerns to the Club President or MPIO
- Use the incident report form and [safechildren@nrl.com.au](mailto:safechildren@nrl.com.au)
- Club leads will contact QPS or Child Safety as required

You Will Receive:

- CYRMS Policy Overview – what your club must commit to
- Quick Links: Online training, Patrons of the Game, complaint pathways

Key Reminders:

- Protecting children is everyone's responsibility
- Zero tolerance for harm! act early, report clearly
- This strategy isn't just about rules, it's about creating a safe, fun environment for all children in our game