

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CHILD SAFE FRAMEWORK

& Child Safe Environment Requirements



COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Bowls SA is committed to the safety and well-being of children. To ensure child safety and well-being is acknowledged throughout all levels of the sport of lawn bowls, Bowls SA ensures all staff, Board members, Associations, Member Clubs and Members are aware of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and the Child Safe Framework.

Bowls SA supports the rights of children and has zero tolerance for child abuse and neglect in any form. Children have the right to a safe, positive, and enjoyable sporting environment, where they are respected and valued. Child safety and protection remains a priority for Bowls SA now and into the future.

The [Child Safe Policy \[PDF 464KB\]](#) (Policy) has been developed to give effect to the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework, the Australian Government directive that sets minimum standards for creating and embedding a child safe culture in Commonwealth entities and establishes the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. The Policy gives guidance on the processes and procedures that aim to ensure children's safety and wellbeing across all areas of the agency's work.

This Policy is based on the following guiding principles:

- recognise children's rights and interests
- build and maintain a child safe culture and environment
- zero tolerance of abuse or harm to children
- use of a risk management approach to prevent abuse or harm to children
- ensure staff, Board members, Associations, and Member Clubs are aware of and comply with relevant requirements.

The Commonwealth Child Safe Framework sets minimum standards for Commonwealth entities to create and maintain behaviours and practices that are safe for children. The Framework includes 4 key requirements, including the requirement to publish an annual statement of compliance with the framework including an overview of the entity's child safe risk assessment.



Lodgement Type: **Representative Body**

Representative Body Details

Has your organisation lodged a statement previously? Yes

Select Previous Lodgement: **Bowls SA**

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Comments on Previously Lodged Statement:

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Nature of Relationship:

Bowls SA is the governing body of Lawn Bowls in SA. We are affiliated with the National body, Bowls Australia, and have 212 clubs affiliated with us. Bowls SA is managed by a Board and professional staff who report to the CEO.

Steps to confirm child safe environments:

My representative body has taken appropriate steps to confirm that the organisations represented have appropriate child safe environments policies and procedures in place?

Yes

Represented Organisations' Details

Number of organisations represented in this statement:

212

Names of the Represented Organisations:

List the name/s of all organisations represented in alphabetical order.

Adelaide Bowling Club Inc	Freeling Bowling Club	Millicent Bowling Club
Adelaide High Old Scholars Bowling Club	Gawler Bowling Club Inc.	Millswood Bowling Club
Adelaide Oval Bowling Club Inc	Georgetown Memorial Bowling Club Inc.	Minlaton Bowling Club
Aldinga Bay Bowling Club	Geranium Bowling Club	Minnipa Bowling Club
Alford Bowling Club Inc	Gladstone Bowling Club (SA)	Mintaro Bowling Club
Angaston Bowling Club	Glenelg Bowling Club	Modbury Bowling Club
Ardrossan Bowling Club	Goolwa Bowling Club Inc.	Monash Bowling Club
Arno Bay District Bowling Club	Grange Bowling Club	Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club
Arthurton Bowling Club	Gulnare Bowling Club	Moorook Bowling Club
Ascot Park Bowling Club	Gumeracha District Bowling Club Inc.	Morgan Bowling Club
Auburn Bowling Club Inc	Hahndorf Bowling Club	Morphett Vale Memorial Bowling Club
Balaklava Bowling Club	Hallett Bowling Club	Mount Barker Bowling Club Inc
Barmera Bowling Club	Hamley Bridge Bowling Club	Mount Gambier Bowling Club
Beachport Bowling Club	Happy Valley Bowling Club	Mount Gambier RSLBowling Club
Beaumont Bowling Club	Hawker Bowling Club	Mount Pleasant Bowling Club
Berri Bowling Club Inc.	Hawthorn Bowling Club	Mundoora Bowling Club
BHAS Bowling Club	Henley Bowling Club	Mundulla Bowling Club
Birchmore Bowling Club	Hope Valley Bowling & Community Club	Murray Bridge Bowling Club
Blackwood Bowling Club	Jamestown Bowling Club	Murray Bridge RSL Bowling Club
Blanchetown Bowling Club	Jervois Bowling Club	Murrayville & RSL Bowling Club
Blyth Bowling Club	Kadina Bowling Club Inc.	Myponga Bowling Club
Boorowie Bowling Club	Kalangadoo Bowling Club Inc	Naracoorte Bowls and Croquet Club
Booroo Centre Bowling Club	Kapunda Bowling Club Inc.	Naracoorte RSL And District Bowling Club
Bordertown Bowling Club	Karoonda District Bowling Club	Novar Gardens Bowling Club
Brighton Bowling Club	Keith Bowling Club	Nuriootpa Bowling Club
Brinkworth Bowling Club	Kensington and Marryatville Bowling Club	Oakbank Bowling Club Inc
Broken Hill North Bowling Club	Kimba Bowling Club	Orroroo Bowling Club
Burra Bowling Club	Kingscote Bowling Club Inc	Owen Bowling Club
Bute Bowling Club	Kingston Bowling Club	Padthaway Bowling Club
Cadell Bowling Club	Kirton Bowling Club	Para Hills Bowling Club
Caltowie Bowling Club	Koolunga Bowling Club	Parilla Bowling Club
Ceduna Bowling Club Inc.	Lameroo Bowling Club	Parndana Bowling Club
Christies Beach Bowling Club	Langhorne Creek Bowling Club Inc	Paskeville Bowling club
Clare Bowling Club Inc	Laura Bowling Club	Payneham Bowling Club
Clarence Gardens Bowling Club	Lenswood Bowling Club	Penfield Bowling Club
Clarendon Bowling Club	Lobethal Bowling Club Inc	Penola Bowling Club
Clearview Bowling Club	Lock Bowling Club	Peterborough Bowling Club
Cleve District Bowling Club	Lockleys Bowling Club	Pinnaroo Bowling Club inc
Club Holdfast	Loxton District Bowling Club Inc	Playford Bowling Club
Coffin Bay Bowling Club	Loxton RSL and District Bowling Club	Port Adelaide Bowling Club
Colonel Light Gardens Bowling Club	Lucindale War Memorial Bowling Club	port augusta bowling club
Coonalpyn Bowling Club	Lyndoch Bowling Club	Port Broughton Bowling Club
Cowell and District Bowling Club Inc	Lyrup Bowling Club	Port Elliot Bowling Club
Croydon Bowling Club	Maitland Bowling Club	Port Germein Bowling Club
Crystal Brook Bowling Club	Mallala Bowling Club	Port Lincoln Bowling Club
Cummins Bowling Club Inc	Mannum Bowling Club	Port MacDonnell & District Bowling Club
Curramulka Bowling Club	Marion Bowling Club inc	Port Neill Bowling Club

Edithburgh RSL & Bowling Club	Marion RSL Bowling Club	Port Noarlunga Bowling Club
Edwardstown Bowling Club	McLaren Vale Bowling Club	Port Pirie Bowling Club Inc
Encounter Bay Bowling Club	Meadows Bowling Club	Port victoria bowling club
ETSA Bowling & Croquet Club	Melrose Bowling Club	Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club
Eudunda Bowling Club	Meningie Bowling Club Inc	Port Wakefield
Frances Bowling Club	Milang Bowling Club	Prospect Broadview Bowling Club Inc
Quorn Bowling Club	Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club Inc.	Warooka Bowling Club
Redhill Bowling Club	Tailem Bend Bowling Club	Wasleys Bowling Club
Renmark Bowling Club Inc	Tanunda Bowling Club	Watervale Bowling Club
Reynella Community Centre Bowling Club	Tarlee Bowling Club	West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Bowling Club
Riverton Bowling Club	The Lawns Renmark	West Lakes Bowling Club
Robe Bowling Club	Tintinara Bowling Club	Whyalla Bowling Club
Robertstown Bowling Club	Toorak Burnside Bowling Club	Whyalla Golf Bowling Club
Rosewater Bowling Club	Torrensville Bowling Club	Willunga Bowling Club
Saddleworth Bowling Club	Tranmere Bowling Club	Wilmington Bowling Club
Salisbury Bowling Club	Trinity Gardens Bowling Club	Wirrabara Bowling Club
Semaphore Bowling Club	Tumby Bay Bowling Club	Wirrulla Bowling Club
Snowtown Bowling Club	Two Wells Bowling Club	Woodside Bowling Club
Somerton Bowling Club	Uraidla	Woodville Bowling Club Inc.
Spalding Bowling Club	Victor Harbor Bowling Club	Wudinna & Districts Bowling Club
Stansbury Bowling Club Inc	Waikerie Bowling Club	Yankalilla Bowling Club
Strathalbyn Bowling Club Inc	Walkerville Bowling and Community Club inc	Yorke town Bowling Club Inc
Streaky Bay & Districts Bowling Club	Wallaroo Bowling Club	Yacka Bowling Club
Sturt Bowling Club	Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club Inc.	Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club

Lodging a compliance statement

Registering the child safe environments compliance statement, Bowls SA is required to answer a range of questions about our child safe policies and to upload all policies for assessment.

These answers and documents become evidence for our compliance statement. Department of Human Services reviews the policies and procedures to ensure they capture SA legislative requirements and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

A penalty of up to \$10,000 may apply if your organisation does not lodge a compliance statement.

Child Safe Environments Compliance Statement - Part A

2.1 Documented policies and procedures

The organisations I represent each have a documented child safe environments policy that outlines their commitment to children's safety and well-being, with equity upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice or they adhere to, and abide by, our organisation's overarching policy. This policy is supported by procedures that are specific to the business and activities each organisation provides to children and young people.

2.2 Communication

The organisations I represent communicate their child safe environments policy and procedures to all relevant people (such as staff, volunteers, members, families and children) and involve them in promoting child safety and wellbeing. The organisations I represent will meet their legislative obligations to provide copies of the policies and procedures to any relevant person if requested.

2.3 Review of policies and procedures

The organisations I represent will review their child safe policies and procedures as required, and at least once in every year 5 year period.

2.4 Copies of policies and procedures

My organisation has included copies of the policies and procedures that relate to child safe environments.

If No - *The Chief Executive, Department of Human Services requires representative bodies to include copies of the child safe environments policies and procedures that the represented organisations use.

2.5 Risk management

The organisations I represent have a documented risk management plan that identifies, assesses and takes steps to minimise and prevent risk of harm to children and young people because of the action or inaction of a person involved in the organisation (including an employee, volunteer or another child).

2.6 Code of conduct

The organisations I represent have a code of conduct for adults and, where applicable, children and young people that sets out expected standards of behaviour. Their Code of Conduct reflects how their organisation upholds equity and respect for diverse needs. This forms part of the child-focused processes their organisation has in place to respond to complaints and concerns. This is supported by a procedure which outlines the steps I/we will take if someone breaches the code of conduct.

2.7 Children's participation

The organisations I represent actively encourage the participation and involvement of children and young people, where this is appropriate. This includes adopting a child rights-based approach to service delivery and empowering children to raise any matters that are concerning them. Children and young people are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

2.8 Reporting children at risk of harm

The organisations I represent ensure that all relevant people (including staff and volunteers) are educated about their role and responsibilities to report and respond appropriately to children and young people who may be at risk of harm. The organisations I represent have a policy and/or procedure regarding the making of appropriate reports of a reasonable belief that a child or young person may be at risk of harm to the Department for Child Protection via the Child Abuse Report Line (13 14 78).

2.9 Understanding mandatory reporting requirements

The organisations I represent provide ongoing training and development opportunities for staff and volunteers to maintain their knowledge of child safe environments and competency to recognise and respond to children and young people at risk of harm.

Yes

Child Safe Environments Compliance Statement - Part B

3.1 Organisations obligations

The organisations I represent employ or engage people to work with children or undertake child-related work.

Yes

3.2 Support and supervision

The organisations I represent ensure that staff and volunteers are actively supported and supervised by their organisation so that their performance is developed and enhanced to promote the establishment and maintenance of child safe environments

Yes

3.3 Recruitment

The organisations I represent have a comprehensive procedure for recruiting suitable staff and volunteers to work with or around children to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Yes

3.4 Working with children checks

The organisations I represent ensure a working with children check is conducted for each employee, volunteer or contractor who is, or will be, working with children or undertaking child-related work, as required by the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016*, unless an exclusion applies.

Yes

3.5 Working with children check requirements

The organisations I represent have a policy /procedure in place to ensure that working with children checks are undertaken as required by the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016*. This includes:

- outlining the way our organisation will ensure any person who works with children or undertakes child-related work is not a prohibited person. This includes ensuring those persons excluded from the requirement to have a check are not a prohibited person
- providing the Department of Human Services screening unit with details of each person working with children or undertaking child related work in the organisation
- advising the Department of Human Services screening unit where the organisation becomes aware of certain information

Yes

Comments:

Board members and Coaches are required to complete a variety of Online National Integrity Framework Courses on:
- National Integrity Framework as a whole
- Safeguarding Children and Young People in sport
- Safeguarding Recruitment and Screening

Child Safe Environments Compliance Statement - Part C

4.1 Sole traders/ people working in partnerships obligations

The organisations I represent are sole traders or people working in partnerships.

No

If No, put any comments about the working relationship in Additional Comments eg does your organisation arrange their working with children checks etc

