



Position Description: Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO)

ROLE	Club Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO)
REPORTS TO	Club Committee
ABOUT THE ROLE	<p>The CSO role is a volunteer role appointed by the Clubs' Committee.</p> <p>The role will serve as the first point of contact for club community members and others who have concerns about a child or young person within the club and provide advice and support to assist that person with making a report.</p> <p>The CSO will champion the safeguarding message and work with the Committee to practically implement the policies and procedures.</p>
ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate and promote awareness and understanding of Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. • Help adults at the Club understand their obligations to protect children and young people and promote their rights. • Be the first point of contact for all safeguarding matters. • Receive and escalate complaints, concerns and incidents to the club, Committee, or the AFL State Entity/AFL for appropriate action. • Provide regular updates at committee meetings. • Work with the Committee to assess risks to children and young people within the club and develop strategies and action plans to minimise the risks. • Ensure the clubs undertakes correct screening of people in accordance with the current safeguarding laws and legislation and that appropriate records are maintained. • Any other duties required to promote the safety of children and young people.
ROLE REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a valid Working with Children Check (or equivalent). • Undertake training on safeguarding and/or child safety issues, as directed by the Club, AFL State Entity or AFL. • Experience and / or qualifications in community services, social work, psychology, justice, welfare, education or policing is desirable.
TRAINING RESOURCES	<p>Free training and resources to support this role are available and provided by the AFL and other organisations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL Safeguarding Webinars and Safeguarding Education Program. • Play by the Rules Child Protection and Safeguarding course.