



**TO: All Community & NPL/ NPLW Clubs**  
**FROM: Football Victoria Technical Director**  
**DATE: 19 October 2020**  
**SUBJECT: NPL/ NPLW & Community Coach Registration**

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Dear NPL/ NPLW & Community Clubs

This memo serves to clarify the issues around Coach registration for the 2020 season and beyond.

Given the importance of coaching and development, it is imperative that FV knows which coaches are actively coaching in Victorian clubs.

As per previous seasons and in compliance with ongoing Competition Rules, the 2020 season will continue to be mandatory registration for all coaches as per Football Victoria Registration Regulations 17.1.

All Coaches and Technical Directors must be registered via Play Football in accordance with the NRR. If a club is found to be in breach of these conditions, FV may refer the matter to the GDT/Tribunal for deliberation.

As of 1 January 2017, in Victoria the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment Act 2015 requires sports clubs to meet "Child Safe Standards" (The Standards). The Standards are aimed at helping clubs to protect children from abuse.

A number of *resources* have been developed with independent advice to assist affiliated clubs to understand and meet their obligations.

The obligations require individuals doing child-related work - including coaches - to complete a Working with Children Check (WWCC) prior to being appointed by a club.

Club committees are responsible for ensuring their coaches, as well as other individuals (volunteer and otherwise) doing child-related work have successfully completed the WWCC prior to commencing the work. In addition to breaking the law, NPL and NPLW Clubs will be in breach of their licence agreement if they are non-compliant.

Further information on who needs a WWCC can be found here:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/about-the-check/when-you-need-a-check>

We continue to move towards our goal of having every Coach in Victoria registered each year in *Play Football* and every community coach having attended a community coaching certificate or higher. We also continue to work towards every NPL/NPLW coach being registered and accredited with an Advanced Pathway coaching licence.

Coach Registration and WWCC are relatively simple to complete.



Please ensure all Coach Registration is completed prior to:

- NPL/ NPLW (31 January 2021) &
- Community Clubs (1 March 2021)

All necessary WWCC must be sourced prior to commencement of child-related work.

For all questions relating to coaching, your first stop should be [FV Website](#).

Better coaches, better players

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boris Seroshtan", written over a light grey rectangular background.

Boris Seroshtan  
FV Technical Director