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MEMORANDUM

Memo To: ALL BMX SPORTS WA CLUBS
From: BMX Sports WA Office
Date: 27th July 2010
Re: Working With Children Register

BMX Sports WA is committed to providing a safe environment for all who participate in BMX in the State.

As part of the Child Protection Policy within the sport and the Department for Child Protection, the Working with Children check Register is compulsory and needs to be kept updated.

The Working with Children Check legislation affects many people who work with children including self employed, paid employees, volunteers & unpaid people. These people may need to apply for a WWC Check if their duties include contact with a child under the age of 18 years.

It is different to the National Police Check in that it is live information, valid for 3 years, transferable across categories, looks at more criminal history information and specific to child related work.

Those that do not need a WWC Check

- Visitors to WA (for less than 2 weeks after they arrive)
- Volunteers under the age of 18
- Parents volunteering with their child's activity
(this exemption does not apply to parents volunteering on overnight camps)
- There are more exemptions on the attached fact sheet

BMX Sports WA & clubs have an obligation to make sure their employees and volunteers who need the check have one. In the sport of BMX, examples of people that need a WWC Card are volunteers without Children in the sport (eg Grandparent), paid coaches, first aid attendants, flag marshals, canteen helpers, all committee members if they are not exempt as above.

Please find attached a Register for Volunteers & WWC Check which each club needs to fill out, keep updated and advise the BMXWA office monthly of any changes. The best way to ensure this happens is to make it a part of your Agenda at each meeting.

The Working with Children Check aims to increase the safety of children in our community by helping to prevent people who have a criminal history that indicates they may harm children from working with children.

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