



Dear club members, officials and volunteers,

ALL Victorian Officials to obtain a Working with Children Check as part of their licence **by the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

The Victorian State Government has made amendments to the Working with Children Check Act 2005 that will come into effect on 1 August, 2017. These changes will now require ALL Victorian Officials to obtain a Working with Children Check as part of their licence. These amendments are being made following a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Information regarding the changes can be found here:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/about+the+check/purpose/changes+to+legislation/>

**For those officials who already hold a valid check and has not be recorded in your licence , details will need to be emailed to [vka@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vka@bigpond.net.au)**

The email should include:

- Your full name;
- KA licence number;
- Working with Children Check number/reference;
- Working with Children Check expiry date;
- a scanned copy/photograph of the card.

For those that **don't currently have a check**, one can be obtained free of charge from the following link:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/apply+in+vicoria>

To begin the application, hit the blue 'start application' box at the bottom of the page. . Please list the association as Karting Victoria . P.O.MAIDEN GULLY 3551 .

Once the online application is complete , you will need to visit an Australia Post outlet to verify your identity free of charge.

Once you receive approval, please email the same details as above to [vka@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vka@bigpond.net.au)

We remind you that these checks are **compulsory** for Victorian Officials and need to be applied for by August 1.

Any official who is yet to provide their details by this date will be **ineligible to participate** in Victorian KA permitted events until they do so.

Presently Victoria is the only state expanding their definition of 'direct contact' and removing references to 'Supervision', however it is anticipated that these amendments will be adopted by other State Governments over the next 12 months.

Please direct all queries to [vka@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vka@bigpond.net.au) or contact SHANE SOUTER directly [wkrclencesec@gmail.com](mailto:wkrclencesec@gmail.com)

#### **Main people in CMS to have their WWCC recorded by the State office**

- Clerk of Course
- Stewards
- Grid
- Scales
- Scrutineers
- Timing officers
- Lap scorers
- Starter
- Club people (This is the club responsibility to ensure these volunteers have a WWCC and the club has a copy of the WWCC on file.
- These volunteers need to list the "club" on their application form.
- Canteen
- Committee
- Cleaners
- Volunteers to assist KA officials. i.e. Tyre markers, scales, flag points.