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Overview

Over the past 18 months SLSA has been working with government agencies and each of the states to revise the SLSA Member Protection Policy 6.05. Three separate policies have been created. The new policies are designed to be easier to understand and follow.

Summary of Changes

The policies are divided as follows:



Policy 6.04 Child Safe

The new [Child Safe Policy](#) sets out the code of conduct that members must follow in relation to Child Safe practices, guidelines for child safe recruitment and screening, along with [SLSA's Commitment Statement](#). The policy is applicable to anyone involved in SLS from Board to staff, parents and volunteers.

SLSQ have a separate [SLSQ Commitment Statement](#) that is mandatory for all Club Presidents to Review, sign and return by 31st October 2021 and upload it as a part of their annual affiliation.

Accompanying the policy SLSA have redeveloped the [Child Safe Guideline](#), a comprehensive resource to assist clubs in Child Safe practices.

The website URL will also be changing from *safeguarding* to *childsafe* to reflect these changes <http://sls.com.au/childsafe>



Policy 6.05 Member Protection

The revised [Member Protection Policy](#) is a simplified document that focuses on the Member Code of Conduct, guidance around criminal matters and steps to take in the event of a breach.

A major change to this policy was to include clauses relating directly to inclusion. In the event there is a breach, the matter can be determined by the Complaints Process.



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In conjunction with the Member Protection Policy will be the introduction of an [Inclusion & Diversity Statement](#).



Policy 6.06 Complaints Resolution

SLSA have created a standalone [Complaints Resolution Policy](#). The new policy outlines the process of making a complaint, steps for complainants, respondents and complaint handlers when these arise.

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