

GUNGAHLIN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE POLICY

The [*Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Act 2011*](#) (the WWVP Act) commenced on 8 November 2012. It aims to reduce the risk of harm or neglect to vulnerable people in the ACT. The WWVP Act requires those who work or volunteer with vulnerable people to have a background check and be registered.

The premise of background checking is that the past behaviour of an individual can provide an indication of the possible future behaviour of that individual. Examples or patterns of abusive or inappropriate behaviour can sometimes be evident in information available for assessment, which includes an individual's criminal record.

The ACT Government considers that the creation of a checking system with appropriate safeguards for people who work with, or who want to work with vulnerable people is consistent with section 28 of the [*Human Rights Act 2004*](#).

To volunteer with Gungahlin United Football Club you must have a WWVP card if you work or volunteer with vulnerable people for more than 3 days in 4 weeks and 7 days in 12 months. So if you are a coach, manager or committee member you will definitely need a WWVP card (within one month of election or appointment). If you only volunteer a single time or two in the season in the canteen or at a GUFC event then you will not be required to have a WWVP card. The WWVP check plays an important part in safeguarding children involved in football and in providing a child safe and child friendly sport environment.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A WWVP CARD

You will need to apply in person at an Access Canberra Shopfront. You can access the ACT Government page for the details of where you can apply. It is free for GUFC volunteers.

[HTTPS://WWW.ACCESSCANBERRA.ACT.GOV.AU/APP/ANSWERS/DETAIL/A_ID/1804~WORKING-WITH-VULNERABLE-PEOPLE-\(WWVP\)-REGISTRATION/#TABS-10](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804/~working-with-vulnerable-people-(wwvp)-registration/#TABS-10)

After a period of 3 years your WWVP card will expire and if required can be renewed by re-applying online via ACT Government link below without having to renew in person at a Access Canberra shopfront.

[HTTPS://WWW.ACCESSCANBERRA.ACT.GOV.AU/APP/ANSWERS/DETAIL/A_ID/2800](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2800)

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Compliance checks will be undertaken by ACT Government officials at both training and games.

It is illegal:

1. For a person to work or volunteer with children (U18) if they require a WWC Number and have not provided their WWC Number to their club.
2. For a club to engage a person in paid or voluntary work with children (u18) if a person requires a WWC Number and has not provided the club with a WWC Number.
3. For a club to not verify WWC Numbers provided to them and have on record the details of each verification.

GUFC PROCESS

Please send a copy of your WWVP card or receipt (if waiting for your card and then forward a copy of the WWVP when it arrives) to the GUFC Child Welfare Officer – childwelfareofficer@gufc.org.au