



# Blue Card Requirements for - 2023 U18's State Championships

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## WHO NEEDS A BLUE CARD?

Team Officials need a blue card if their work in their club or association is likely to include, providing services that are mainly directed at children, or conducting activities that mainly involve children, unless an exemption applies.

Please note that police officers and registered teachers do not apply for a blue card and should instead apply for an exemption card if they are providing services which are outside of their professional duties. For more information please visit:

<http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/volunteers/Churchesclubsandassociationsinvolvingchildren.html>

Outlined below are the details of the exemptions which apply to the Basketball Queensland State Championships. If your team officials (coaches/managers) and referees do not fall under any of these exemptions, they must currently hold or be in the stages of applying for a volunteer blue card through your Association.

## EXEMPTIONS

Basketball Queensland in line with the Child Protection act deems that the following persons are exempt from the required of holding a Blue Card/Exemption Card.

1. Persons under 18 years of age
2. Volunteer Parents

To be exempt as a Volunteer Parent under the legislation, a parent must –

- a. Be a registered member (e.g. player, volunteer, coach, manager) of the same Association as their child

AND

- b. Provide a service of coaching/managing junior players during games at the same Association as their child participates in games similarly coached/managed; OR
- c. Provide a service of refereeing junior games at the same Association as their child referees; OR
- d. Provide a service of scoretable at junior games at the same Association as their child does scoretable

A parent is not considered an “exempt volunteer parent” under the legislation, if he/she –

- is not a registered member of the same Association as their child: OR
- provides services other than those described above, for example
  - coaching/managing junior representative players if their child does not play representative basketball
  - refereeing while their child plays basketball but does not referee
  - employed in a voluntary capacity to referee by BQ at an Association where their child is not a member

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- employed in a voluntary capacity to Scoretable by BQ at an Association where their child is not a member
- performs any task outside “same or similar activities”, for example
  - canteen duties
  - Fundraising
  - cooking/serving BBQs
  - first-aid
  - assisting with pre-competition setup
  - collecting money other than games fees
  - making payments other than game fees
  - making accommodation bookings for travel to State Championships
- Provides services for which payment is received, for example
  - coaching for payment
  - referee education for payment

### **REASONS FOR BLUE CARD / EXEMPTION CARD REQUIREMENT FOR REFEREES**

Referees of all ages and referee coordinators at State Championships may seek joint accommodation booked through Basketball Queensland for the duration of the event; therefore it is the policy of Basketball Queensland that all referees/referee coordinators over 18 years of age who officiate at a State Championship need a Blue Card / Exemption Card. As outlined in the Referee Information Pack all referees over the age of 18 will be required to either complete and return an Authorisation to confirm a valid Blue Card Form or acknowledge that a Blue Card Application has been submitted. Please referee to the Referee Information Pack for further details.

### **RECORDING OF BLUE CARD DETAILS**

All Blue Card details are to be recorded in the member’s record on their Association’s Sporting Pulse Membership Database. Basketball Queensland will be pulling reports to ensure this has been done.

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