

VICTORY PARK TENNIS CLUB

Child Safety



Victory Park Tennis Club (VPTC) is committed to Safeguarding Children by following Tennis Australia's policies (see links below) to ensure best practise.

- a. Member Protection Policy (MPP) <https://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-australia-member-protection-policy>
- b. Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct: <https://www.tennis.com.au/doc/ta-safeguarding-children-code-of-conduct-2020>

VPTC Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)

Our Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) is John Collins and can be contacted via email jcoll128@ford.com.

John has been appointed to:

- Act as first point of contact for enquiries, concerns or complaints of harassment and abuse and any other inappropriate behaviour
- Listen, provide moral support and act as an impartial support person through the complaints process. Please note: MPIOs are impartial and do not mediate or investigate complaints.
- Provide information about TA's Member Protection Policy and the options available to resolve complaints
- Provide contact details for counselling or other referrals as appropriate or as requested.

Reporting & Assistance

Should a VPTC Member or family member be concerned that there has been conduct which breaches or contravenes the Tennis Australia Policies as above, the reporting procedures outlined in the MPP should be followed. In particular, concerns can be reported via:

- (a) If you believe a child is in immediate danger or in a life-threatening situation, contact the Police immediately on 000.

- (b) the MPIO, at jcoll128@ford.com.
- (c) the VPTC President, or in their absence the nominee, victoryparktc+President@gmail.com
- (d) a TA Integrity Officer via integrity@tennis.com.au. integrity@tennis.com.au.
- (e) TA's Whistle-Blower Service - Stopline. Stopline is a confidential 24-hour telephone reporting and assistance service via their hotline 1800 11 72 33,
- (f) Or raise a complaint online [here](#).



Our commitment to safeguarding children

Tennis Australia commitment statement

We have a zero tolerance approach to any form of child abuse and are committed to ensuring the sport of tennis is a safe and friendly environment for children and young people. It is imperative that children and young people who access our activities, programs, events or services feel safe and supported.

We will ensure that child safety is embedded in our organisation's culture, reflected in our policies and procedures, and understood and practiced at all levels of our sport.

We commit to making sure that everyone involved with delivering tennis in Australia, from club administrators, volunteers, parents and participants, understand the important responsibilities they have in relation to child safety.

Our commitment extends beyond creating an environment that minimises risk or danger. We are committed to building an environment that is both child-safe and child-friendly.

Together we can provide an environment in which children feel respected, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Jayne Hrdlicka
Tennis Australia
Chair

Craig Tiley
Tennis Australia
CEO



To learn more about what you can do to be part of a child safe environment, please see the information and resources at <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/for-parents/safeguarding-children/safeguarding-children-resources>