



# CHILD PROTECTION FORM

Protecting children from abuse is a responsibility of all Club Members.

Port Macquarie Rowing Club is committed to ensuring that the safety, welfare, and the well-being of children and young people is maintained at all times during their participation in club activities.

Port Macquarie Rowing Club aims to promote a safe environment for all children and to assist all Coaches, Committee Members, Members and Volunteers to recognise child abuse and neglect and to follow the appropriate notification procedures when reporting alleged abuse.

An allegation of child abuse is a very serious matter and needs to be handled sensitively. Such allegations should be reported to the Child Protection Officer, who will follow a standard procedure for dealing with these allegations as recommended by the Commission for Children and Young People.

Volunteers and members who come into contact with the juniors are required to complete an online form at <https://check.kids.nsw.gov.au/volunteer-declaration.php> and to print and deliver a copy of this form to the club's Child Protection Officer.

Where overnight travel to regattas is proposed for child members (i.e. persons under the age of eighteen years) parental permission should be obtained in writing, and a responsible female adult should accompany girls under eighteen.

It is recommended that coaches and assistant coaches ensure that coaching sessions with junior members are adequately chaperoned.