

ADVICE OF ONSW MANUAL UPDATE

Manual No. and Section Title:

1.10 ONSW Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy;
1.10 Appendix D ONSW Child and Young Person Safe Commitment Statement;
1.11 ONSW Code of Conduct

Approved by ONSW Board : 23 April 2024

Effective date of new policy : 1 May 2024

Extent of Manual Update :

1.10 ONSW Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy – **new name and content**;
1.10 Appendix D ONSW Child and Young Person Safe Commitment Statement - **new**;
1.11 ONSW Code of Conduct– **complete revision**;
8.5 Junior Team Officials Appointment Policy - **abolished**

Reason for Update and Relevance:

In September 2023 Orienteering Australia released updated versions of its National Integrity Framework policies. As a result ONSW has reviewed its documents to ensure that they align with the OA policy while also meeting additional requirements specific to NSW.

ONSW does not currently have an ONSW specific Child Safe policy or Commitment Statement. ONSW had previously adopted in full the OA Code of Conduct embedded in the OA Member Protection Policy (MPP). The OA MPP no longer includes the OA Code of Conduct. It is now a separate item within the OA Operations Guide.

This ONSW Manual review has referred to the OA policy and Code of Conduct, as well as NSW Government legislation and the requirements of the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

The ONSW Child Safe Officer, Sandra Stewart, has reviewed and provided feedback with regard to these new documents and her feedback has been incorporated.

ONSW currently has a Junior Team Officials Appointment Policy (Manual 8.5) which covers the former OA and NSW government screening requirements with regard to child safety. Given that the child safeguarding requirements are far more wide reaching than applying to only junior team officials it was considered appropriate to abolish this section of the ONSW Manual and include all child safeguarding requirements under one policy.

In particular Members should familiarise themselves with the ONSW Code of Conduct including Expected Behaviours, and Child/Young Person Safe Practices. Coverage includes Photographs or video of Children/Young People, Overnight stays and sleeping arrangements, Transporting and Drop off/pick up.