



New Plymouth Roller Sports Club Inc.
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(a registered New Zealand charity)

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Police Vetting Policy

The safety and welfare of children and young people involved in skating is paramount.

As a club management committee the club will focus on ensuring a safe environment for skating participants, all members registering or appointed as coaches, Managers, Referees or in other positions that liaise with members under the age of 18 years are required to undergo Police vetting on request.

Police vetting provides parents, families with the confidence that children are participating in a sport supported by coaches and referees who are not considered as posing a risk to their child's safety.

About Police vetting

Police vetting aims to protect our more vulnerable members of society from any risks posed by people who may have displayed behaviour that could be detrimental to others' safety and wellbeing.

What Police vetting looks for

Police vetting searches the Police database for information held about the person being vetted.

Information released may include:

- conviction history,
- location of the court,
- the date of the offence,
- the offence itself; and
- the sentence imposed.

Criminal conviction information is released in accordance with the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004.

Offences that will disqualify you from direct involvement with the New Plymouth Roller Sports participants;

A person that has been found guilty of certain offences against children and others will be automatically disqualified from coaching, managing or refereeing any skating activity within the club.

Ravens Inline Hockey have **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct. (v1.2 – Feb 2019)



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Convictions warranting automatic disqualification are as follows:

- Murder
- Sexual offences
- Indecency offences resulting in imprisonment
- Kidnapping
- Offences connected with child prostitution
- Possession or publication of child pornography
- Assault and/or violence and/or harassment towards a child
- Possession of drugs for supply resulting in imprisonment
- Repetitive drink driving convictions resulting in imprisonment.

How Police vetting works

When you register or are appointed to work with skaters who are under 18 years, you will be asked to complete a Police vetting consent form. You must provide copies of your driving licence and a second form of identification when registering. The accepted second form of identification is either a New Zealand Passport or birth certificate. In the event that a driver licence is not held, an approved second form of identification will be required.

The information presented will then be provided to Police for vetting. The results of the Police check will be confidentially considered by the New Plymouth Roller Sports Club authorised submission officer.

If more investigation is required, in the interests of natural justice, a senior representative from New Plymouth Roller Sports Club will discuss this information with you in confidence before making a decision concerning any action to be taken.

To ensure fairness to all club officials, applicants who refuse to consent to Police vetting will be ineligible to hold an officials role within the club.