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**TO: DISTRICT SECRETARIES
DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
EXECUTIVE
MEDIA
ANY ADULT involved in YOUTH COACHING/ EVENTS**

CIRCULAR 52/2017.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHILD PROTECTION ACT.

The first item that must be addressed is **the necessity for adults working with children to have a current police clearance certificate.**

According to Section 111 of the Children's Act 38 of 2005, a National Child Protection Register is maintained by the Director General. Part B of this Register is relevant to the promotion of and activities involving Youth Bowls. Extract from this Act:

Purpose of Part B of Register

- 118. The purpose of Part B of the Register is to have a record of persons who are unsuitable to work with children and to use the information in the Register in order to protect children in general against abuse from these persons.**
- 119. Part B of the Register must be a record of persons found in terms of section 120 to be unsuitable to work with children, and must reflect:**
- (a) The full names, surname, last known physical address and identification number of the person;**
 - (b) The fingerprints of the person, if available;**
 - (c) A photograph of the person, if available;**
 - (d) A brief summary of the reasons why the person was found to be unsuitable to work with children;**
 - (e) In the case of a person convicted of an offence against a child, particulars of the offence of which he or she has been convicted, the sentence imposed, the date of conviction and the case number; and**
 - (f) Such other prescribed information.**

In order to prove that one is NOT on this register, it is necessary to be in possession of a current clearance certificate from the South African Police – note this is **the full clearance certificate and NOT the PDP clearance** certificate for driving purposes for certain categories of transport such as Taxis etc.

Different SAP stations deal with this matter in different ways – some have a designated office to handle applications and others may send you to security companies or lawyers to get this process done, which increases the cost; try and find a local station which deals with this matter on the premises, and not out sourced. Applications currently cost R114 pp and the waiting period could be 6-7 weeks. However, if an additional ±R458 is paid, for up to 5 applications done in one batch that can be couriered to the SAP headquarters for scrutiny by the SAP and then to be returned within 14-21 days. We have also been informed that SAP have started visiting youth events around the country to ensure that there is compliance, as a preventative measure to protect the vulnerability of our children.

You will need to provide a full set of fingerprints, a copy of your ID document or passport, which can be done at the police station – applicants have to be present when the application is made. The process can be found at https://www.saps.gov.za/services/applying_clearance_certificate.php.

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The second item that must be addressed in terms of the same Children's Act is the **use of children's names & photographs any media – online (e.g. social) or printed.**

The crux of this is that no names or photographs of children may be placed anywhere on-line or in printed media, without the appropriate permission being granted by the parent, the child and/or the guardian – the latter is especially important where children are in care and may have protection orders out against family members. We have been informed by the SA Police that paedophiles and human traffickers make extensive use of social media to trace, track and target vulnerable youth and we need to be especially vigilant not to contribute to our Youth Bowls children's vulnerability in this regard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ravenscroft'.

**JOHN RAVENSCROFT
OPERATIONS MANAGER**