

Basketball Australia launches new child safety resources to strengthen safe sport commitment

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Basketball Australia has today launched a comprehensive suite of new Child Safety resources designed to strengthen the protection and wellbeing of children and young people across the basketball community.

The resources are now available via Basketball Australia's Play digital hub at <u>play.aus.basketball/child-safety</u> and form a key part of the organisation's broader Safe Sport commitment. They include clear, accessible safeguarding information for players, coaches, officials, parents and administrators, as well as a new online training course - Safeguarding Children in Basketball.

The course, developed in partnership with etrainu and informed by national principles and best-practice approaches, is designed to empower everyone involved in the game with the knowledge and tools to create safe, inclusive environments at all levels of participation.

"Every child has the right to feel safe, supported and respected in sport," said Matt Scriven, CEO of Basketball Australia.

"The launch of these new resources is an important step in helping ensure that child safety is not just a policy, but a lived commitment across every court, club and competition in the country."

The online portal also includes guidance on responding to concerns, reporting channels, and practical tools for clubs and associations to embed safeguarding practices into their everyday operations.

Basketball Australia Head of Integrity Lauren Halliwell encouraged all those responsible for ensuring a safe environment for children to view the online resources.

"Basketball brings communities together, and with that comes the responsibility to protect those most vulnerable," Halliwell said.

"We're calling on all parts of the basketball family to engage with these resources and complete the *Safeguarding Children in Basketball* course. Together, we can build a culture of trust and safety in our game."

Basketball Australia encourages clubs, associations, and individuals to access the resources and make safeguarding part of their everyday practice.

For more information and to access the Child Safety resources, visit:

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