



Queensland Rugby League

Frequently asked questions:

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If volunteers have applied for a blue card in a club/league and have been issued with a negative notice, will the league/club be notified? Are there time frames around this?	Yes , provided your organisation is linked to the individual. Negative notices are issued after an assessment process, so it is impossible to say when they would be issued, however the employer organisation is always advised.
A parent has a child he is coaching in an age group. He can't get approved for a blue card due to assaulting a police officer can he still coach that team his child is involved in?	If he can't get approved, I assume he is a negative notice holder. Negative notice holders cannot work or volunteer in 'regulated employment'. Currently it is possible for a person to be afforded an exemption, however, changes coming soon to the legislation will mean that such an individual cannot continue in any volunteer role. Find out more about who is eligible to work with children .
If you are a registered teacher do you need blue card?	No, teachers do not get blue cards, they apply for Exemption card application (E) form through their employer (football club).
Can clubs or leagues request a list of all cards currently linked to their organisation?	Yes you can however, given we are moving to an <i>organisational portal</i> , you will soon be able to access that information yourself. We are currently working with many organisations to cleanse their records, so realistically, sending us a request will probably not be actioned at this time.
As an employee of QRL should we have a volunteer or paid blue card?	Only if the person is regularly engaged in child-related activities or makes decisions that affect the child's wellbeing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid employees are issued with a paid card • Volunteer employees are issued with a volunteer card.
Will Blue Card reports and expiry dates be available on MySideline system?	No , Blue Card Services database and MySideline are not compatible. You can obtain the information you need by using the organisation portal. For more information, contact organisationportal@bluecard.qld.gov.au .
How is a club notified of a cancelled card if it is done daily?	Provided the card is linked to your organisation you will be notified via telephone (for serious reasons) or by express post.
Will the linking process (a person involved in a number of different organisations) be easier with the new operating model?	Yes , for more information, contact organisationportal@bluecard.qld.gov.au



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Can you clarify that a referee must have a blue card to do games, excluding under 18s, upwards i.e. division 2, A grade?	A blue card is only required if the activity/services are directed or provided to people under the age of 18.
If we have an Under 18 player going up and playing A Grade on a certain day, does the A Grade coach need a blue card?	No , the team is of mixed ages and a blue card is not required. However, ensure your organisation has RMS in place.
Why do cards have varying degrees of time frame for response?	A few reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant may have completed the application form incorrectly and we require additional information or a new application. 2. The applicant may have a criminal history which means further assessment and consultation is required.
If a 17 year old player is playing A grade does the A grade coach require a blue card?	No , as the team is not expected to be made up of individuals under 18.
Should all senior clubs all have Blue cards as ball persons are all used by clubs?	No , there is no service being directed towards the ball boys. In fact they are servicing the teams by collecting the balls. It is however appropriate to manage potential risks through your child and youth risk management strategy. Find out more about Risk Management Strategy .
Regarding the exemption, if the child of the coach is not present at a game or training session what is the protocol then? Is the coach still able to perform their coaching duty?	Yes. As the coach is still volunteering for his child's team he can continue to volunteer. You may look to having an assistant coach. Please ensure you have a firm Risk Management Strategy in place.
Does the gatekeeper/canteen operator need a blue card for juniors and seniors	No , they are providing a service to club members and not specifically to children.
Under the volunteer parent exemption, if said coach is Joe Bloggs' dad but Joe Bloggs doesn't play one week but yet dad still coaches (and doesn't hold a blue card) - is he in breach?	The coach can be afforded the volunteer parent exemption even if his child is not there (due to special circumstances). However, if the child is no longer involved then the coach must apply for a blue card as he would not be a volunteer parent.