



In line with the Victorian Child Safety Standards, all sporting clubs in Victoria must ensure that policies and practices support children and their families to be able to participate in sports safely. This means that when parents or families disclose safety concerns that relate to their child's involvement in basketball, these must be considered.

If parents/carers require support with requests not to merge PlayHQ profiles of their children, the following should be considered.

(In the below circumstances. it is reasonable to ask for copies of any relevant documents to assist in this process.)

**Where a shared parenting agreement is in place**

Parents/carers should be encouraged to create and use a shared email address. In circumstances where parents/carers agree to this, a single PlayHQ player profile should be used. By using a shared email account, both parents can access any relevant information and register their child individually to any relevant basketball competition or program.

**Where a family court order is in place**

Any relevant information contained in a current family court order pertaining to a child's extracurricular activities, including sport, should be assessed and any decisions that Basketball Victoria make in relation to a child's registration on PlayHQ should be guided by the information and requirements of the family court order.

**Where an AVO/IVO is in place**

Where an AVO/IVO is in place protecting one parent from another, any requirements of the order must be followed. In this instance it may appropriate for Basketball Victoria to allow both parents to create and manage individual PlayHQ accounts/ profiles for the safety of the protected person. This is only appropriate in circumstances where the child is not listed as a protected person.

Where the child is also listed on the AVO/IVO, it is not appropriate to allow the other parent to create a second profile.

**Any other concerns expressed by a parent/carer**

In situations where none of the above apply, or where supporting documentation is unavailable, Basketball Victoria's Integrity team will work with families to determine the most appropriate solution.

**Other Resources**

Links to the Basketball Victoria Support for Victim/Survivors of Family Violence Guidelines and Wellbeing Support Services document can be found on the BV website