



# KNEBWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB

## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT**

Knebworth Park is committed to ensuring all children (all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. We will do this by:

- Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment
- Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) *Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy For Safeguarding Children* and any future versions of this
- Appointing a club welfare officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB, so that they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively
- Ensuring all people who work at the club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) understand the “Safe Hand Policy” applies to them according to their level of contact with children in cricket
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and code of conduct guidelines as defined by the ECB and club
- Ensuring the name and contact details of the club welfare officer is available:
  - a) as the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club
  - b) as a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members
  - c) as the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County welfare officer and the ECB child protection team and
  - d) as the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding

# Safeguarding policy



- Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising concerns. Such procedures should recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and be in accordance with the pre-defined child safeguarding procedures as set down by the ECB Statutory and Children Board (LSCB) guidelines and policies
- Providing everyone with the opportunity to voice any concerns they have (about possible suspected child abuse and or about poor practice) to the club welfare officer
- Ensuring all suspicious concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately
- Ensuring access to confidential information to child safeguarding matters is restricted to the club welfare officer and the appropriate external authorities such as the local authority designated officer (LADO), as specified within the ECB child safeguarding procedures

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