



Nunthorpe Bowling Club

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

1. Statement

Nunthorpe Bowling Club (“the Club”) fully accepts its legal and moral obligations to exercise a duty of care to protect all children participating in its activities and to safeguard their welfare. The Committee and members of the Club are fully committed to use all powers within their means to ensure children regardless of age, gender, race or disability are treated with respect and dignity, and are given all protection possible whilst playing or visiting this Club. In addition, they are fully committed to assist in providing similar protection to members and visitors from other clubs, organisations and members of the general public who have come to play or view the game of bowls or to partake in any social activity organised by the club.

2. Principles

- (a) A child is defined as a person under the age of 18.
- (b) The welfare of the individual is paramount.
- (c) Each individual irrespective of age, gender, religion, race or disability has the right to protection from abuse.
- (d) Each individual has a right to be safe and to be treated with respect and dignity

3. Objectives

- (a) To provide children and young people with a safe environment in which to play and enjoy bowls.
- (b) To reassure parents/ carers that their children will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities at the club.
- (c) To ensure that children and their parents/ carers are involved in decisions that affect them.
- (d) To support club members to understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to their duty of care to children.

4. Responsibilities & Communication

- (a) The Club will treat all suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice seriously and respond promptly and appropriately.

- (b) A Club Safeguarding Officer, to whom members can address any concerns, will be appointed annually and will receive appropriate training.
- (c) When appropriate, eg the Club has junior members, the Safeguarding Officer will hold a DBS (Disclosure & Baring Service) certificate and have it renewed every three years.
- (d) The policy will be communicated to members.
- (e) The policy will be reviewed at least every three years.
- (f) The policy forms part of the Constitution and Rules of the Club and must be strictly adhered to at all times by members.
- (g) The name of the Club's Safeguarding Officer can be found in the minutes of the AGM or by contacting any member of the Committee.

5. Revision and Review

Date	Version	Action	Who
Oct 2018	V1-0	Initial version	LWR
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