

Chelford Cricket Club policy on safeguarding

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Chelford Cricket Club 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) has 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 Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring 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 in cricket, or for our club (e.g. staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches etc) understand the "Safe Hands Policy" applies to them according to their level of contact with children in cricket.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for our club are provided with support, through training and education, so that they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by the ECB and our club.

Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available:

- As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within our club
- As a local source of procedural advice for our club, its committee and members.
- As the main point of contact within our club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team and,
- As the main point of contact within our club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding

Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child protection concerns. Such procedures should recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and be in accordance with pre-defined child safeguarding procedures as set down by the ECB, Statutory Agencies and Local safeguarding Children Board (LSCBO guidelines and policies.

Providing everyone connected with our club (including parents, children and volunteers) 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 relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to our Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external agencies such as the Local; Authority Designated Officer (LADO) as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures

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