

Acton Cricket Club

Safeguarding Policy statement

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ACC believes that it is imperative that junior and senior members, coaches, administrators and parents, carers and guardians associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. To support this, the Club has issued a number of guidance documents and statements to support its policy towards Young People in cricket.

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- Recognising that all Young People participating in cricket have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment and ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for young people.
- Adopting and implementing the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of the policy, and ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for ACC understand that the Safe Hands Policy applies to the according to their level of contact with young people in Cricket.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB & the NSPCC, so that they have the necessary skills to be able to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the Club are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to the good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by both the ECB and by the club.

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- Ensuring that the name & contact details for the Club Welfare Officer is available – as the first point of call for parents, children & volunteers/staff within the Club and its external stakeholders, such as the ECB County Welfare Officer, the ECB Child Protection Team.
- Providing everyone connected with the Club (including parents, children and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns which they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedure exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns. Such procedures recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with pre defined safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, Statutory agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Board LSCB guidelines and policies.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to child welfare matters is restricted to the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities as specified within ECB Safeguarding and child protection procedures.