



Safeguarding

Policy Statement

Junior Cricket Association

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Winchester Warriors Junior Cricket Association (The Association) is committed to ensuring that all children and young people (ie all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. Where we refer to children, this includes young people under the age of 18.

We will do this by:

- Recognising that all children participating in cricket, regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to have fun in a safe environment and to be protected from harm.
- Seeking to ensure that individuals working for the Association provide a welcoming, safe and enjoyable experience.
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) safeguarding “Safe Hands -- Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children” and any revised versions of the same policy.
- Appointing a Welfare Officer for the Association and ensuring that they attend relevant training activities as required by the ECB.
- Ensuring that WW officers, coaches and managers are aware of this policy and aware of how the *Safe Hands* policy applies to them.
- Ensuring that WW officers, coaches and managers are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Ensuring that WW officers, coaches and managers are provided with briefings and training, so that they can adhere to the ECB Code of Conduct and guidelines
- Ensuring that the contact details of the Association’s Welfare Officer are available to players, clubs, parents/carers, volunteers and others via the WW website.
- Ensuring that the Association’s Safeguarding Welfare Officer is the main point of contact for the HCB Welfare Officer, the ECB Safeguarding team and other agencies.
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding concerns.
- Creating and maintaining an environment where the views of children and young people, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues, which will encourage an environment where people can express any concerns to the Welfare Officer about possible child abuse/neglect and/or about poor practice.
- Ensuring that if there are any concerns about the Association’s Welfare Officer that those concerns can be expressed to the HCB Welfare Officer or another suitable person.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to safeguarding matters is open to those who need to know in order to safeguard children, but restricted in order to protect children. Such information will need to be open to the Association’s Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified in the ECB child safeguarding procedures.

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