



Waterside Bowling Club

Safeguarding policy statement V: 001 Dated: 28th April 2021

Our statement

Our organization acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Bowls England requirements.

The policy recognizes that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, socio-economic background, children:

- ✓have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at Waterside Bowling club in a safe and child centred environment
- ✓are protected from abuse whilst participating in bowling or outside of the activity

We acknowledge that some children, including disabled children or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

Our policy

What we will do

As part of our safeguarding policy we will:

- ✓promote and prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people
- ✓Value, listen to and respect children
- ✓Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- ✓Adopt safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and codes of conduct for all members and volunteers
- ✓Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ✓Provide effective management for members and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all members and volunteers know about our policies, procedures and behavior codes and follow them confidently and competently



- ✓Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual (s) who raise or disclose the concern
- ✓Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- ✓Record and store information securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance
- ✓Appoint a nominated safeguarding lead for children and young people, for safeguarding Share information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their parents
- ✓Make sure the children, young people and their parents know where to go for help if they have a concern

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in the Waterside Bowling club. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal and exclusion from the organisation.

Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- ✓ Changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- ✓ As required by Bowls England
- ✓ As a result of any other significant change or event

This policy was last reviewed on... *...28th April 2021*..... date

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