

# **BINSTED TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT**

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Binsted Tennis & Croquet Club recognises our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children (anyone under 18) and adults at risk. We are committed to ensuring our safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance.

We are committed to prioritising the well-being of children and adults at risk and providing a safe and welcoming environment where they are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children and adults at risk receive effective support and protection.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- Protect children and adults at risk (including children of adults who use our services) from harm
- Provide the necessary information to enable people to meet their safeguarding responsibilities
- Deliver good practice and high safeguarding standards
- Outline our commitment to safeguarding children and adults at risk

This policy applies to any person who books the tennis court through the club website, which is the only method of access to the tennis court.

## **RAISING A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN**

Concerns should be raised to Graham Jones.

If they are unavailable or a safeguarding concern relates to them, the concerns should be referred to Sue Clarke.

## **WE RECOGNISE THAT**

- the welfare of children and adults at risk is paramount
- working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and adults at risk is essential in promoting their welfare
- all children and adults at risk, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some children and adults at risk, including LGBTQ+ people, disabled people or people from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and additional measures and safeguards may be needed to ensure their welfare.

## **WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK SAFE BY**

- promoting and prioritising their safety and well-being
- ensuring everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding.
- promoting and maintaining a positive safeguarding culture where people feel able to raise genuine concerns and are confident they will be taken seriously
- ensuring appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensuring that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- ensuring that we have a process to deal with complaints and whistleblowing measure in place

This policy will be reviewed every year (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

- Chairperson – Sue Clarke
- Secretary – Graham Jones

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **BINSTED TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**Binsted Tennis & Croquet Club** is committed to providing safe activities and sporting opportunities for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults and aims to ensure the highest possible standard of care for those who use our facilities.

### **Policy Statement**

Everyone has a duty to safeguard Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults. This policy promotes good practice in safeguarding for those using our facilities.

### **Definitions**

Children and Young People: Anyone under the age of 18 years.

Vulnerable Adult: Anyone over 18 who is: Unable to care for themselves; Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation; Or in need of community care services.

### **To whom this policy applies**

This policy applies to:

- all club members

### **Promoting a safe environment**

To promote a safe environment for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults, the club will:

- Provide safe facilities and do regular safety assessments.
- Graham Jones will act as designated Safeguarding Lead and will delegate a Deputy to cover this role when he is on holiday.
- The Safeguarding Lead will ensure that all members are aware of the safeguarding expectations set out in this Safeguarding Policy.
- Aim to include relevant safeguarding contacts for help/advice on the club website and the noticeboard at Binsted Pavilion.

### **Expectations of behaviour**

All club members should:

- Adhere to the club's Code of Conduct as set out on the club's Website.
- Report any instances of unacceptable behaviour in breach of the Code of Conduct to Graham Jones.

### **What should be a cause for concern**

Club members should be concerned by any action or inaction, which significantly harms the physical and/or emotional development of a Child, Young Person or Vulnerable Adult.

Abuse falls into five main categories and can include child sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation, referred to as FGM. The categories are as follows:

1. Physical Abuse
2. Emotional Abuse
3. Sexual Abuse
4. Neglect
5. Financial Abuse/Manipulation

## **Whistleblowing**

All club members should be aware of their duty to raise concerns about attitudes or actions considered to constitute abuse to a Child, Young Person or Vulnerable Adult.

Any allegation made by a Child, Young Person or Vulnerable Adult should be recorded and acted upon.

In no case must the club make a judgement on whether the allegations have merit for further investigation, as this is a decision for professionals.

## **Keeping this Policy Updated**

The club will update this Safeguarding Policy as and when such legislative/best practice changes take place, or at least annually.

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