

Leicester Electricity Sports Cricket Club – Safe Guarding Children Policy

Electricity Sports Cricket Club is committed to ensuring that all children participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

We will do this by:

Recognising that all Children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.

Adopting and implementing the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) *“Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children”*.

Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB & the NSPCC.

Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for our club, (such as Staff, Officials, Volunteers, Team Managers, Coaches, etc.);

- understand that the Safe Hands Policy applies to them according to their level of contact with children in Cricket, and that they are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines;
- are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by both the ECB, and by the club.

Ensuring that the name & contact details for the Club Welfare Officer is available

- as a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee & its members,
- as the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team, and
- as the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child welfare,

Ensuring that procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns, recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with the safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, and other statutory agencies.

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 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.

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