



Cheadle Hulme Cricket Club – Safeguarding Policy Statement

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Cheadle Hulme Cricket Club is committed to ensuring all Children* participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. (**The word “Children” should be taken to mean all persons under the age of 18.*)

We will do this by:

- 1.) Putting things in place**
- 2.) Having the right people in place**
- 3.) What do you do if you have a concern?**
- 4.) Cricket specific guidance**

1.) Putting things in place

- We recognise 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.
- We will ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children.
- We will provide an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible

suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Safeguarding Officer – Sue Gouldson and/or Corinne Winters

- We will adopt and implement the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “*Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children*” and any future versions of this.
- We have appointed Club Safeguarding Officers and will ensure they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively.
- We will ensure that all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- We will ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and the club.
- Details of the County Safeguarding Officer will be made available in case the Club Safeguarding Officer is unavailable, or the concern relates to the Club Safeguarding Officer.

Club Safeguarding Officers:

Corinne Winters; corinnewinters1@yahoo.co.uk 07712 581671

Sue Gouldson; bsg1@mail.com 07759 149591

County Safeguarding Officer: Julie Rafferty
(Julie.rafferty@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk) 07976981262

2.) Having the right people in place

- The club will ensure the name and contact details of the Club Safeguarding Officers are available:
- The **Club Safeguarding Officer’s Role** is taken seriously.

- The CSO is the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club.
- The CSO is a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members.
- The CSO is the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Safeguarding Office and the ECB Child Protection Team.
- The CSO is the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding.
- The CSO will ensure that the correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.

3.) What do you do if you have a concern?

- Make contact with your Club Safeguarding Officer who will guide you, ensuring all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- The Club Safeguarding Officer will ensure that confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Safeguarding Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

4.) Cricket Specific Guidance

In summary, we will ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for the club, are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and the Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and the club. We ensure all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) are DBS checked and have a responsibility for safeguarding children. They will also understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them according to their level of contact with children in cricket.



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