



## Safeguarding Policy Statement

Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18 ) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. The Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practices reflect statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and the requirements of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

The policy recognises 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 or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at the Club in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in cricket or outside of the activity

The Club acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people 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.

As part of our safeguarding policy the Club will:

- Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- Adopt and implement the ECB "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children"
- Appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer and ensure that they attend training modules required by the ECB
- Ensure the name and contact details of the Club Safeguarding Officer is available
  - As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club
  - As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members
  - As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Safeguarding Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team, and
  - As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding
- Ensure everyone working or volunteering for the Club 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 adhering to the "Safe Hands Policy"
- Ensure 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
- Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation



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

### **Monitoring**

The 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 the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home County Sports Councils and Sussex ECB
- As a result of any other significant change or event.