



SUSSEX
COUNTY BOWLS



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Working together to safeguard children and adults at risk.

It is not possible to eliminate all risks, but it is important that those in bowls with a specific responsibility for junior players, adults at risk and members can demonstrate that they have assessed the risks and taken all possible steps to minimise them.

To fulfil our commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk, Sussex County Bowls has set out the following aims and objectives:

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Aims

- # To provide young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and help them to enjoy their experience of the sport of bowls.
- # To reassure parents that their children will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the club.
- # To provide support to club members and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

Adults at Risk Policy Aims

- # The purpose of this policy is to outline the duty and responsibility of staff/volunteers working on behalf of the Bowls Club in relation to Safeguarding Adults at risk.
- # All adults have the right to be safe from harm and must be able to live free from fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Objectives

- # Everyone who participates in bowls is entitled to do so in a safe and enjoyable environment. The County is committed to helping everyone in bowls accept their responsibility to safeguard children and adults at risk, from harm and abuse.
- # All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- # Staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns to their Club Safeguarding Officer, who must immediately notify the Sussex County Bowls Safeguarding Lead.

To meet these aims and objectives, the County Executive has implemented the following:
COUNTY SAFEGUARDING POLICY:

- # All Clubs are required to appoint a Safeguarding Officer, who should serve on the Club committee.

To download a full role description please visit the safeguarding section of the website: www.sussexcb.co.uk or contact the County Safeguarding Lead.

All Administrators, Officials, Coaches and Safeguarding Officers working with children and young people under the age of eighteen are required to obtain Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced clearance and this clearance must be renewed every three years.

Clearance certificate numbers and dates of issue must be submitted annually and upon request to the County Secretary.

Sussex County Bowls reserves the right to seek a further check at any point if it has reason to believe there has been a cause for concern.

County Administrators and Officials, in connection with their respective duties, as detailed in their role description, and all Club Coaches and Safeguarding Officers are required to successfully complete the Adult Safeguarding training course no less frequently than every three years with certification details submitted annually and upon request to the County Secretary.

All Administrators, Officials, Coaches and Safeguarding Officers working with children and young people under the age of eighteen will be required to successfully complete a Child Protection Safeguarding training course no less frequently than every three years with certification details submitted annually and upon request to the County Secretary.

The County and all affiliated Clubs must produce a Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy Statement and additionally all clubs with children and young people under the age of eighteen must have a Child Protection Safeguarding Policy Statement in place.

These policies must be prominently displayed on club notice boards, together with the safeguarding contacts list.

These together with a comprehensive list of all club safeguarding policies and guidelines are available for download on the "Safeguarding Policies and Guidelines" page of the County web site.



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