

Sale Tennis Club – Safeguarding Policy



Sale Tennis Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children participating in tennis 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:

- Recognising all children participating in tennis (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
- Ensuring individuals working within tennis at, or for, our club provide a safe, positive and fun tennis experience for children
- Adopting and implementing the LTA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- Appointing a Section Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and ensuring that they have the necessary skills and training to undertake their role effectively
- Ensuring all people who work in tennis at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) understand the Safeguarding Policy and how it applies to them according to their level of contact with children in tennis
- Ensuring all individuals working within tennis at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with LTA guidelines and relevant legislation
- Ensuring all individuals working within tennis 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 LTA and the club
- Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare 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 LTA Safeguarding Team
 - As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding
 - Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns. Such procedures should recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and be in accordance with pre-defined child safeguarding procedures as set down by the LTA, Statutory Agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) guidelines and policies
 - Providing everyone connected with the club (including parents, children and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer