

Sale Tennis Club has a Safeguarding Policy which is an important part of the overall Safeguarding Policy for Sale Sports Club. This policy is a part of the overall Safeguarding Policy and ensures young people and vulnerable adults can play tennis in an inclusive and safe environment. It conforms to good practice outlined by the LTA.

Policy for Lone Children and Young People Under 18

What age can children be left unsupervised at Sale Tennis Club?

Children under the age of 13 should be supervised by their parent/carer whilst at Sale Tennis Club when their child's activities are outside of any venue sessions, such as coaching lessons or tennis camps. This includes intra club competitions e.g. club championships, ladder matches, social afternoons.

Who is responsible for transporting children to and from a different tennis venue e.g. an away match?

Coaches and other venue staff/volunteers including team captains and team members are not responsible for transporting children to and from the venue, unless as part of a venue organised trip.

It is reasonable for venues and coaches to place responsibility on parents for ensuring appropriate transport arrangements are made for their children.

Parents may choose to make private arrangements with another adult (such as a family friend) to transport their child. However, they need to let the team captain know.

What happens in situations when Sale Tennis Club needs to transport children?

In situations where Sale Tennis Club is arranging transport for children (for example, to an away match) and the above parental private arrangements have not been made Sale Sports Club will ensure the following:

- Parents are informed of the destination, reason for the journey and who the driver will be;
- Parents return to the venue/team captain a completed Consent and Emergency Contact Form (see below: 2 pages) and the driver has a copy of this with them on the journey in case of emergencies;
- There are two adults in the car;
- Children are seated in the back of the vehicle at all times;
- If the children are a mixture of female and male, where possible the two adults should also be male and female;
- There is an established procedure in the event of a breakdown/emergency;
- The driver has a valid UK driving licence, satisfactory DBS check, correct insurance, MOT certificate and complies with laws on the use of seatbelts and restraints;
- If transporting children in a mini-bus or bus, the driver must also have the correct type of licence.

The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) also has further guidance on this topic in their Safe Sports Events toolkit.

At Sale Tennis Club captains intending to select a young person under the age of 18 must contact the Safeguarding Officer (currently Kathryn Sutherland), or in her absence a member of the Tennis Committee, to outline their arrangements which must be within the remit of this policy.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Details on this form will be held securely and will only be shared with coaches or others who need this information in order to meet the specific needs of your child.

Details of the event/activity requiring completion of this form	To be completed by the event/activity organiser
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Name of child:	
Child's date of birth:	
Child's gender:	
Please detail any important access, faith, medical or additional needs that our organisation needs to know. Such as allergies, medical conditions e.g. asthma, epilepsy, orthopaedic problems, any current medication, special dietary requirements and/or any injuries.	

PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR CHILD

Name:		
Relationship to the child:		
Address:		
Contact details:	Phone: Mobile:	Email:

SECONDARY EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR CHILD

Name:		
Relationship to the child:		
Address:		
Contact details:	Phone: Mobile:	Email:

It may be essential at some time for the responsible adult accompanying your child to have the necessary authority to obtain any urgent treatment which may be required whilst at this competition or event. Would you therefore please complete the details on this form and sign below to give your consent.

I, _____ being the parent/carer of the above named child hereby give permission for the responsible adult to give the immediately necessary authority on my behalf for any medical or surgical treatment recommended by competent medical authorities, where it would be contrary to my son/daughter's interest, in the doctor's medical opinion, for any delay to be incurred by seeking my personal consent.

Signature of consent by parent/carer:	
Name:	
Date:	