



GREAT BRICKHILL CRICKET CLUB

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Great Brickhill Child Protection Policy

Mission Statement

Great Brickhill Cricket Club recognises its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people entrusted to the Club's care.

As part of its mission the Club is committed to:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting children and young people as well as promoting their welfare and protection.
- The safe recruitment, supervision and training of all coaches
- Adopting an appropriate procedure for dealing with concerns about possible abuse.

Child Protection Policy – what it means in practice:

For Parents and Carers

You can have confidence that Great Brickhill Cricket Club provides a safe environment for your child.

For Junior Members

You can have confidence that Great Brickhill Cricket Club is a safe place where you can enjoy playing cricket.

For Senior Members

You need to be aware of the Child Protection Policy and recognise that it impacts many areas of the Club. In particular there are policies, protocols and procedures that affect you if you assisting with junior training sessions or playing in a match with junior members. The most important of these are to be found in this booklet. A copy of the ECB "Safe Hands" is kept in the Clubroom or can be downloaded from the ECB website.

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Great Brickhill Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring that 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:

- Recognising 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.
- Ensuring that individuals working within cricket at or for our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "*Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children*" and any future versions of the policy.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB & the NSPCC, so that they have the necessary skills to be able to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for our club, (such as Staff, Officials, Volunteers, Team Managers, Coaches etc.) understand that the Safe Hands Policy applies to them according to their level of contact with children in Cricket.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the club are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by both the ECB, and by the club.
- Ensuring that the name & contact details for the Club Welfare Officer is available - as the first point of contact for parents, children & volunteers / staff within the club, - as a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee & its members, - as the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team, and - as the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child welfare,
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns. Such procedures recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with pre defined safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, 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 which they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer. Section 3 – Safeguarding Policy Statement – October 2007

- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to child welfare matters is restricted to the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities as specified within ECB Safeguarding and child protection procedures. Section 3

This policy will be reviewed annually.