



CHEPSTOW BOWLING CLUB

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Chepstow Bowling Club has considered very carefully its responsibilities to the young people participating in bowls at our premises and within our club, and has produced this 'Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy' setting out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for children and safeguarding them accordingly.

1. Policy Statement

Chepstow Bowling Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all young people (defined as those under 18) involved in bowls within the club. All young people have a right to protection and for their requirements to be considered.

2. Policy Aims

- To provide young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club, and to help them to enjoy their experience of the sport.
- 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.

3. Principles

- The welfare of young people is paramount.
- All young people and adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All members have a responsibility to report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Club members, coaches and umpires will be supported, so they understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of young people.

- Individuals will, as necessary, receive support through education and training and to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may arise.
- Chepstow Bowling Club will work in partnership with young people and parents to review and implement child protection and safeguarding procedures.
- Chepstow Bowling Club's policy and procedures are in accordance with statutory requirements and best practice.

4. Responsibilities, Communication, Monitoring and Review

- The Chepstow Bowling Club 'Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy' will be available to all members and parents.
- The Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that any new legislation and best practice is adopted.
- The Management Committee has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented and appropriate disciplinary action taken as necessary.
- The Club Welfare Officer has responsibility for responding to any allegations, concerns or child protection incidents and advising the Management Committee as necessary.
- Parents have a responsibility to work with the club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to keep themselves safe.
- The Safeguarding Officer is the Club Secretary (Tel. 01291626137)
- Chepstow Bowling Club is affiliated to Chepstow Athletic Club (CAC) and the CAC will act as the external Safeguarding Organisation, with their chairman being the contact (Tel 07402395624).

Philip Jarman
Chairman

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