

Safeguarding Policy

Content:

Table Tennis England commits to its duty of care to safeguard and protect the welfare of children and adults at risk and is committed to ensuring good practice throughout the whole organisation. It recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and aims to promote a positive and enjoyable experience for all whilst focusing on a child centred safe environment.

Detail:

In order to achieve this, we shall ensure:

- All allegations will be taken seriously, and any reports of concerns will be dealt with promptly and sensitively ensuring all appropriate action is taken.
- Anyone involved in table tennis will recognise they have the responsibility to ensure that they act upon any concerns or allegations.
- Processes for dealing with all complaints and allegations are fair and open to challenge through the appeals process.
- Anyone who, in good faith, reports their concerns will be supported.
- All staff, members, clubs, leagues, and counties will adopt and abide by Table Tennis England's Safeguarding Guidelines.
- Put in place appropriate support and training to allow anyone involved in table tennis the ability to fulfill their role with regard to the protection of children and adults at risk.

In drawing up this policy and guidelines Table Tennis England have taken into account current legislation relating to the safeguarding of both young people and adults as follows:

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| ➤ The Children Act 2004 | ➤ Police Act 1997 |
| ➤ The Children Act 1989 | ➤ Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 |
| ➤ The Protection of Children Act 1999 | ➤ The Care Act 2014 |
| ➤ The Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 | ➤ Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012 |
| ➤ The Every Child Matters Strategy 2004 | ➤ The Equality Act 2010 |
| ➤ Working Together to Safeguard Children | ➤ The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 |
| ➤ The Sexual Offences Act 2003 | ➤ Mental Capacity Act 2005 |
| ➤ Human Rights Act 1998 | |
| ➤ The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 | |
| ➤ Data Protection Act 2018 | |

The policy will be reviewed every two years unless there are changes in legislation or government guidance or as a result of any other significant change or event. Colebridge has adopted the Table Tennis England Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines. A copy of the guidelines is available for members to read at the club venue (kept in the left kitchen cupboard drawer unit).

Adopted in Club Committee Meeting minutes

Signed:



Club Chair

Dated: 30th June 2023

Please note that Table Tennis England Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines are available from the website (www.tabletennisengland.co.uk)