

Wimborne & District Table Tennis League

Safeguarding Policy

Introduction:

The Wimborne Table Tennis League 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. Working with young people is key for the expansion of table tennis.

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In order to achieve this, the league shall ensure the following:

- 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 league members and clubs will adopt and abide by Table Tennis England's Safeguarding Guidelines.
- Where required the league will put in place appropriate support and training to allow anyone involved in table tennis the ability to fulfil their role with regard to the protection of children and adults at risk.
- Where required the League's Welfare Officer will escalate any concerns to Table Tennis England's Safeguarding Manager.

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

- The Children Act 2004
- The Children Act 1989
- The Children and Young Persons Act 2008
- The Children and Families Act 2014
- The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023
- The Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Education Acts
- The Childcare Act 2006
- The Protection of Children Act 1999
- The Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The Every Child Matters Strategy 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
- The Data Protection Act 2018
- Police Act 1997
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

- The Care Act 2014
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Mental Health Act 2007
- The Serious Crime Act 2007
- Mental Capacity Act 2005

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.