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Safeguarding Policy Statement

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Cheshire Cricket Board – Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Cheshire Cricket Board (CCB) is committed to ensuring all children (i.e., all persons under the age of 18) and adults participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

We do this by:

- 1) Putting things in place
- 2) Having the right people in role
- 3) Having a process to report concerns
- 4) Cricket specific guidance

1) Putting things in place

We recognise all children and adults participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment

We ensure individuals working within cricket at, or for the CCB provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children and adults

We provide an environment where the views of all participants, parents/ carers and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns about possible suspected abuse and/or about poor practice to the County Safeguarding Officer

We adopt and implement the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children”

We ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for the CCB are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation

2) Having the Right People in role

The CCB has a County Safeguarding Officer, who is appropriately qualified, experienced and attends training required by the ECB. The County Safeguarding Officer’s details are:

Name – Julie Rafferty

Email address – Julie.rafferty@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk

Phone Number – 07368-436444

The County Safeguarding Officer is the first point of contact for all participants, parents/ carers and CCB volunteers/staff, as well as a local source of procedural advice for all clubs, their committees and members.

They are also the main point of contact within the CCB for the ECB Safeguarding Team and all relevant external agencies in connection with child and adult safeguarding; ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child and adult safeguarding concerns.

3) Having a process to report concerns

The CCB ensures that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

We ensure access to confidential information relating to child and adult safeguarding matters, is restricted to those who need to know, in order to safeguard children and adults including the County Safeguarding Officer, the Club Safeguarding Officers and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child and adult safeguarding procedures.

4) Cricket Specific Advice

We ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for the CCB are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB and the CCB.

We ensure all people who work in cricket at, or for the CCB (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches etc..) understand how the "Safe Hands Policy" applies to them.