

# The Castletown Cricket Club Ltd Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy Statement



Castletown Cricket Club Ltd (CCC) is committed to ensuring all children who take part in cricket, have a safe positive and fun experience, whatever their level of involvement. The welfare of all children is paramount.

- All children within cricket, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to enjoy the game in an environment safe from abuse of any kind.
- CCC recognises the importance of safeguarding children within the game and is committed to developing, and implementing, policies and procedures which ensure that everyone knows, and accepts, their responsibility in relation to a duty of care for children.
- CCC is committed to ensuring there are correct and comprehensive procedures for responding to, recording and reporting child safeguarding concerns
- CCC will endeavour to ensure all suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately in line with IOMSCB policy and procedures.
- CCC recognises that appropriate safeguarding is not just about preventing abuse but providing the best environment for children to enjoy themselves and the game of cricket.
- CCC is committed to promoting sound recruitment procedures and good practice for all individuals working within CCC whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- CCC will ensure that individuals will receive support through education and training, to be aware of, and understand, best practice and how to manage any safeguarding issues which may come to light.
- CCC recognises that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working in cricket to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns.

The Safeguarding Policy Statement and Underpinning Principles guide the safeguarding programme. However, in addition, there are a number of key Points of Policy on the Safeguarding Programme are fundamental to the effectiveness of safeguarding in cricket.

1. All cricket participants should recognize and follow a Code of Conduct. CCC provides codes of conduct for all cricket participants – the Code of Conduct for players, parents and guiding principles for managers and coaches. These codes of conduct provide participants with details of acceptable, and unacceptable behaviour, and the expectations of others in relation to good operational practices.
2. All junior cricket sessions require adequate supervision. These requirements are available in the welfare definitions document.
3. All adults who work with children in cricket, either as a volunteer or paid, must be recruited appropriately which includes being vetted for their suitability to work with children. Vetting Procedures include the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and/ or non-UK equivalents.
4. Physical contact should always be intended to meet the child's needs not the adult's. It is obvious that adults should never touch a child inappropriately. A responsible adult should only use physical contact if its aim is to:
  - Develop sports skills or techniques
  - Prevent an injury or accident from occurring
  - Treat an injury
  - Meet the requirements of the sport

The adult should seek to explain the reason for the physical contact to the child, reinforcing the teaching or coaching skill. Unless the situation is an emergency, the adult should ask the child for permission.