



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Geddington Cricket Club have adopted a Child Protection Policy to ensure that all Young People¹ who play Cricket have a safe and positive experience. This Policy follows the guidelines set out by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People. Geddington Cricket Club has also adopted Recruitment Procedures to prevent unsuitable people from working with Cricket (Refer to Recruitment Procedures ACC/CA/CA17)

The Club 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 Young People. It is committed to ensuring that there are correct and comprehensive reporting procedures, by promoting good practice and sound recruitment procedures for all individuals working within Cricket.

This policy sets out a framework to fulfil the ECB's commitment to good practice and the protection of Young People in its care within Cricket.

Underpinning Principles

- 1) All Young People within Cricket, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to be protected
- 2) All Young People participating in sport and in particular Cricket, have a right to do so in a safe environment
- 3) Adults working within Cricket will provide a safe, positive and fun Cricketing experience for Young People
- 4) Adults - Volunteers, Coaches, Umpires and Scorers will understand and be supported in their role and responsibilities with regard to the Duty of Care for Young People
- 5) Individuals will receive support through Education and Training, to become aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare issues which may come to light
- 6) All suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately
- 7) The responsibility of determining whether or not abuse has taken place, lies with other professional agencies, but it is the responsibility of all those working within Cricket to report any concerns

¹ Young People throughout this document refers to those aged under 18 years