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Derbyshire County Cricket Club (the Club) acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to ensuring that all children and young people participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any club cricket activity.

We adopt and implement the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children” (and will continue to subscribe to any future versions of the policy).

We do this by:

- Recognising that all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race religion, sexual orientation, ability, or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring that individuals working within cricket at or for the Club provide a safe, positive, and fun cricketing experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the ECB’s “Safe Hands – Cricket Policy for Safeguarding Children.”
- Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for the Club, (such as staff, officials, volunteers, Team Managers, Coaches etc.) understand that the policy applies to them according to their level of contact with the children and/or young people in cricket.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the Club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines (refer the Club’s “Policy for Recruiting & Appointing Appropriate Volunteers and/or Paid Staff”).
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for the Club are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by both the ECB and the Club
- Ensuring that the name and contact details of the County and the Deputy Safeguarding Officer for the Club are available:
  - as the first point of contact for parents, children, volunteers, and staff within the Club;
  - as a local source of procedural advice for the Club, its committee and its members and affiliated clubs and/or leagues to the Club;
  - as the main point of contact within the Club for the ECB Safeguarding Team; and



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- as the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child welfare.
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns. Such procedures recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with pre-defined safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, statutory agencies, and Local Safeguarding Child Board (LSCB) guidelines and policies.
- Providing everyone connected with the Club (including parents, children, and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns which they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the County Safeguarding Officer.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns, and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to the County Safeguarding Officer, his/her deputy, and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Police or Children's Social Care Services, as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

### **Safe Hands Policy**

Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children is called 'Safe Hands'.

Download and read the below documents or follow the Safeguarding Kit Bag link to find out more about the policy:

- **Introduction to Safe Hands (PDF)**
- **Safe Hands Safeguarding Kit Bag**
- **Safeguarding and a club's duty of care (PDF)**

### **Contact Details**

If you need any advice on safeguarding matters, please contact the County Safeguarding Officer using the contact details below.

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The ECB Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0207 432 1200 or e mail [safeguarding@ecb.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ecb.co.uk).

If you wish to report a concern please use the Reporting Form