

# Safeguarding Policy

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**Dunstable Town Cricket Club Is committed to ensuring all children under the age of 18 participating in cricket, have a safe and positive experience.**

We will do this by :

- Recognising 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 individuals working within cricket at, or for our Club, provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children” and any future versions of this.
- Adopting a Club Safeguarding Officer, and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for our Club, such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches, etc. understand the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them, according to their level of contact children in cricket.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for the Club, are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for the Club, are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practise and code of contact guidelines, defined by the ECB and the Club.

- Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Safeguarding Officer is available:
  - As the first point of contact for parents, children, and volunteers/staff within the Club.
  - As a local source of procedural advice for the Club, its Committee and members.
  - As the main point of contact within the Club, for the ECB County Safeguarding Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team.
  - As the main point of contact within the Club, for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding.
- Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns. Such procedures should recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and be in accordance with predefined child safeguarding procedures as set down by the ECB, Statutory Agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) guidelines and Policies.
- Providing everyone connected with the Club, including parents, children, and volunteers, with the opportunity to voice any concerns they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practise) to the Club Safeguarding Officer.
- Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to the Club Safeguarding Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

### **Club Safeguarding Officer**

In accordance with this Policy, the Club has appointed **Ann Marie Manley** as Club Safeguarding Officer. Ann Marie sits on the Club Executive Committee and is the Club point of contact on all safeguarding issues. Ann Marie has received the training necessary to enable her to carry out this role:

ECB “Safe Hands Club Safeguarding Officer workshop”.

Sports Coach UK “Safeguarding and Protecting Children”.

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