



Policy Relating to Safeguarding Young Persons

Introduction

1. Eltham Bowling Club (the Club) has considered its responsibilities to young people participating in bowls at our premises and within our club very carefully, and has produced the following Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and underpinning procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for young people and safeguarding the welfare of those in our care.
2. The Club affiliates to the National Governing Body and the Club recognises the policies of their Governing Body, as set in out in the “Safeguarding Bowls Guidelines”.

Policy statement

3. The Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all young people (defined as those under 18) involved in bowls within the club. All young people have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.
4. The Club will endeavour to ensure the safety and protection of all young people involved with the club through the Child Protection guidelines adopted by the Executive Committee of the club. It is the responsibility of all adults within the club to assist the Executive Committee in this endeavour.

Policy aims

5. To provide young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and help them to enjoy their experience of the sport of bowls.
6. To reassure parents that their young people will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the club.
7. To provide support to club members and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

Principles

8. All young people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and

allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

9. All staff and volunteers working in bowls have a responsibility to report concerns to their Club Safeguarding Officer.

10. Club members, volunteers, coaches and referees will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of young people by the club.

11. The Club will work in partnership with young people and parents to review and implement child protection and safeguarding procedures.

12. The Club's policy and procedures are based on the above principles and UK legislation and government guidance into consideration.

Responsibilities and communication

13. The Club's Welfare Policy will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants.

14. The Executive Committee has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including referring any appropriate disciplinary action to the national governing body as appropriate.

15. The Club Safeguarding Officer has responsibility for responding to any concerns or child protection incidents, passing information to any appropriate agency where relevant.

16. Parents have a responsibility to work together with the club in implementing procedures and providing their young people with the necessary information to keep themselves safe.

Monitoring And Review

17. This policy will be reviewed regularly or in response to significant new legislation by the Executive Committee, and amended as appropriate. Guidance from Bowls National Governing Bodies will be sought as part of the review process.

18. Revision dates will be recorded at the end of this document.

Executive Committee
Eltham Bowling Club

Revision History

Date	Version	Description of change
04/12/2025	V0.1	Policy draft
08/01/2026	V0.2	Amend paras 4, 14 & 17 from Management committee to Executive Committee.
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