



## **ODIHAM & GREYWELL CRICKET CLUB**

### **SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT**

Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club (“the Club”) is committed to ensuring that all children (i.e. all persons 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 the 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 welcoming, safe, and fun 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
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB
- Ensuring all people who work in cricket for, or at, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches, and so on) have responsibility for and understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket for, or at, our club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for our club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB and the club
- Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer are available:
  - As the first point of contact for parents and carers, children, coaches, and volunteers/staff within the club
  - As the local source of procedural advice for the club, its committees, and members
  - As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team, and
  - 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.

- Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and carers, and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about suspected child abuse/neglect and/or about poor practice in the club) to the Club Welfare Officer\*

*\*Details of the County Welfare Officer will be made available, in*

This policy was adopted at the Management Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the Club on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

*case the Club Welfare Officer is not available, or the concern relates to the Club Welfare Officer.*

- Ensuring 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 those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within the ECB child safeguarding procedures