CHESTER CROQUET CLUB

Code of Good Practice – Safeguarding Children

Children attending the club and members under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or by their own Group Leader in the case of groups.

Members should not put themselves in the position of being alone with a young person but should ensure that they are always in the open or within sight or hearing of other adults when interacting with young people.

When children are present at the club it is advised that all doors are kept open and, if they are changing clothes, children are directed to use the toilet facilities rather than the more secluded equipment storage room.

Physical contact, "horseplay", taunting, suggestive comments or other potentially inappropriate behaviour should be avoided. If members observe this type of behaviour between members of a group of children it should be mentioned to the group leader.

All members should make themselves familiar with the Safeguarding Policy and are reminded that if a child reports an incidence of abuse to a member, the member should ensure that the conversation is only continued in an area within sight of others and that he/she never gives a promise of secrecy.

Reporting Procedure

If any form of abuse is observed, suspected or reported to a member it must be recorded and acted upon. An incident report form should be filled in and the Club Safeguarding Officer informed at the earliest opportunity. The Officer will then report the incident to the Club Chairman and together they will decide on the appropriate course of action – which may involve Police, Social Services or NSPCC.

Safeguarding Officer
Mavis Sellers
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