



CHESTER CROQUET CLUB

Child Safeguarding Policy

Chester Croquet Club is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members and visitors. To safeguard children under the age of 18, the Club complies with policies and procedures issued by the Croquet Association. These have been updated to meet current more stringent legal and national standards. Main points are:

Key documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to key documents at the Croquet Association website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Policy Child Safeguarding Codes of Conduct Child Safeguarding Processes Child Safeguarding Guidelines Copies of these documents and report forms are in the clubhouse For further advice and assistance consult the Club Safeguarding Officer, Mavis Sellers, or the Club Secretary, John Dawson
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure awareness of safeguarding policies and procedures Assist and monitor compliance
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental consent needed for children joining the club Children taking part in a club activity must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or responsible adult nominated by a parent Avoid physical contact, bullying, abuse and inappropriate language Avoid being alone with a young person especially in a confined or secluded situation and endeavour to keep within sight or hearing of another adult when interacting with young people Avoid or exercise particular caution when communicating with or about children through e-mails, texting, social media, news reports or interviews
Team captains and coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain parental consent for any child taking part in a club activity Check any child is accompanied or supervised by a responsible adult and liaise with opposite numbers if children are attending an event Coaching activity involving children must be checked and authorised by the Club Safeguarding Officer Coaching by demonstration only, avoid physical contact Exercise care and discretion when arranging travel and car journeys Ensure children are able to return home safely after an event
Competition and event organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with the Club Safeguarding Officer, Mavis Sellers, or the Club Secretary, Robin Tasker, when arranging an event involving children Ensure visits by groups of young people are accompanied by their own suitably qualified leader Be aware of protocols regarding photography and filming
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any form of inappropriate behaviour or abuse is observed, suspected or reported, the Club Safeguarding Officer should be informed and an incident report form should be completed at the earliest opportunity The Club Safeguarding Officer will report the incident to the Club Chairman and Secretary and together they will decide appropriate action