



RUNNYMEDE ROYALS PICKLEBALL CLUB

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This policy is designed to support anyone who is at risk, and this includes (but is not limited to) children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The terms 'child', 'children' and 'young person' describe any person under the age of 18.

Statement

Our organisation acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. It is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Pickleball England requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children, young people and vulnerable adults are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience at Runnymede Royals Pickleball Club in a safe and environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in Pickleball or outside of the activity.

Policy

What we'll do

As part of our safeguarding policy we will adopt the Pickleball England policy on safeguarding, namely to

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults
- value, listen to and respect all
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- adopt safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for all members
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

- provide effective guidance for appropriate members e.g. session leaders, through support so that all know about our policies, procedures and behaviour codes and follow them confidently and competently
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of any incidents or concerns, from lower-level concerns and poor practice to more serious abuse,
- provide support to the individual(s) who raise or report the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- record and store information securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance
- appoint a Welfare Officer for safeguarding
- share information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their parents online
- make sure that children, young people, vulnerable adults and their parents/guardians know where to go for help if they have a concern

This policy and its accompanying documents will be promoted and compliance is mandatory for everyone involved in Runnymede Royals Pickleball Club. Failure to comply with these policies and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal or exclusion from the club.

Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the home country sports councils and Pickleball England
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

Contact details:

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In a safeguarding emergency, where a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.

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