



Saddleworth Netball Club - Safeguarding Policy

1. Policy Statement

Saddleworth Netball Club is committed to the welfare and safety of all children participating in our activities. We adhere to [England Netball's Safeguarding Policies](#) and provide a supportive, secure environment where all children can enjoy and excel in netball, free from harm and abuse.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, coaches, players, and parents associated with the club. It encompasses all club-related activities, including training sessions, matches, social events, day trips, and overnight tours.

3. Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)

The Club Safeguarding Officer is Abi Kennedy and she can be reached at abipoppykennedy@hotmail.co.uk

- Role & Responsibilities:
 - The CSO acts as the first point of contact for all safeguarding concerns.
 - They promote good practice within the club.
 - They ensure any reports of concerns are dealt with promptly and in line with national guidelines.
- Availability:
 - The CSO's contact details will be clearly displayed in the club's main areas and provided to all members during induction.

4. Safeguarding Procedures

- Training & Compliance:
 - All individuals interacting with children must complete safeguarding training endorsed by England Netball and submit to an Enhanced DBS check.
- Behavioral Guidelines:

- The club adopts a strict code of conduct prohibiting abusive behavior and promoting respect and support.
- Responding to Concerns:
 - Concerns about child welfare or misconduct must be reported to the CSO, who will refer these as necessary to England Netball or local authorities.

5. Parental Involvement

- Expectations of Parents:
 - Parents are expected to encourage and support their child's involvement positively.
 - They should follow the club's code of conduct, particularly during matches and practices.
- Communication:
 - The club commits to keeping parents informed about club activities and any changes in policy or procedure.

6. Travel and Trips

- Day Trips:
 - For day trips, the club will maintain appropriate adult-to-child ratios and ensure all transportation complies with safety regulations.
- Overnight Trips:
 - During overnight trips, accommodations will be arranged to ensure safety and privacy for all participants, with supervisors staying in close proximity to children's rooms.

7. Reporting and Documentation

- Incident Reporting:
 - All safeguarding incidents or concerns must be recorded and reported to the CSO. Serious incidents will be escalated as appropriate.
- Confidentiality:
 - Details of safeguarding issues are shared strictly on a need-to-know basis to protect everyone involved.

8. Training and Education

- Ongoing Education:
 - The club will provide regular training updates and refreshers to ensure all members are aware of the latest safeguarding practices and protocols.
- Awareness Sessions:

- Safeguarding awareness sessions will be held annually for parents, staff, and older club members to reinforce the importance of safeguarding within the club.

9. Review and Update

- Policy Review:
 - This policy will be reviewed annually to incorporate the latest safeguarding trends and updates from governing bodies. Changes will be communicated to all club members.
- Feedback:
 - We welcome feedback from all club members on the policy's effectiveness and encourage suggestions for improvement.

Conclusion

Our commitment at Saddleworth Netball Club is to provide a nurturing environment where children can learn and enjoy netball in a secure and positive setting. We require the active cooperation of all club members to uphold these standards and ensure our young athletes' safety and well-being.