

# BINFIELD CRICKET CLUB

## SAFEGUARDING — POLICIES & GUIDANCE

**Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.** Everyone involved in cricket, from All Stars to the England teams, should understand the importance of keeping people safe within our game. As a club we have adopted the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Safeguarding Policy and are committed to ensuring a safe environment for everybody. A few clear habits will keep everyone safe — including you. Please follow these guidelines and if in doubt or have any questions ask your Club Safeguarding Officer.

*Please note these guidelines protect you as much as they are aimed at protecting others*

### Ideally Before the Season Starts

- Speak to your safeguarding officer/s about any under-18s in your squad and how safeguarding applies to you
- It is strongly recommended that you complete the ECB's Introduction to Safeguarding online course (it is free!)
- Check whether you need an Enhanced DBS check — Jim or Lisa will be able to advise
- Review your personal social media — remove or decline any connections with under-18s at the club, and it is good practice to use separate personal and club social media accounts
- Confirm the club has a late-collection policy and a transport policy in place
- Save your safeguarding officer/s' numbers in your phone
- Consider reading the Companion Guide (Safeguarding: Understanding the Why) — it explains the reasoning behind everything on this card

## YOUR SIX-SECTION GUIDE

### A The Rule of Two — Your Best Protection

- Try and avoid being alone with a child — ideally always have another adult present — your strongest protection against misunderstanding
- Applies everywhere: pitch, pavilion, nets, conversations — in person and online
- If unexpectedly alone with a young player, move to an open, visible area immediately
- If you feel you have been in a potentially compromising situation please self-report to your Safeguarding Officer straight away — it protects you



*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Section 3*

### C On the Pitch — Contact & Conduct

- Celebrations: fist bumps and high fives only
- Technique demos requiring touch: only with the child's explicit consent and another adult present
- Never adjust a child's batting grip from behind — find an alternative way to demonstrate
- Never adjust any padding beneath clothing
- Be a role model: no alcohol or smoking around children, inclusive language always
- Challenge bullying and discriminatory behaviour immediately — zero tolerance regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or disability
- Silence is encouragement; discriminatory behaviour toward a junior player is reportable



### E Photos & Match-Day Content

- Written parental consent required before photographing or filming under-18s
- Picture/no name rule: use their image = don't name them; name them = don't use their image — check with your club official that all players (including visitors) have consented
- Visiting teams must be notified at least 48 hours in advance if streaming/filming is planned



*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Section 7*

### B Communication & Social Media

- Make all arrangements for under-18s via their parent/carer — contacting a child directly, even innocently, can be misconstrued
- 16/17-year-olds: you may copy them in on messages to their parent, with the parent's prior written consent — but the parent remains the primary contact
- Never accept friend requests from junior players on personal social media — direct them to the club account
- If a child messages you directly: do not reply — inform their parent/carer and your Safeguarding Officer
- Keep separate personal and club social media accounts — all contact with children goes through the club account
- The Rule of Two applies online too: no private one-to-one messaging with under-18s



*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Section 4*

### D Changing Rooms & Transport

- Do not change or shower at the same time as children and don't walk through a changing room while children are changing
- Avoid giving a lift to a child who is not your own — parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transport
- Emergency transport only: Rule of Two applies, call parents immediately and keep them on the line



*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Section 6*

### F Junior Players in Your Open-Age Team

- If you lead or manage an open-age team with under-18s, all of the above applies directly to you
- As you are in a position of responsibility your relationship with junior teammates changed. Therefore, be mindful of dressing room culture, language, and social dynamics
- Ensure juniors have appropriate supervision
- Do not participate in, encourage, or ignore any dressing room behaviour that seeks to frighten, embarrass, or demoralise anyone



*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Sections 8 & 9*

## Concerned About Something? Report It.

Report any concern, no matter how small, to your Club Safeguarding Officers:

**Jim Browning - 07795 192241 · Lisa Peneda - 07951 665475**

You don't need proof. A 'nagging doubt' is enough. **Do NOT investigate yourself.**

If a child tells you something: **listen, reassure, write down their words** (not yours), contact your Safeguarding Officer immediately.

*The same principles apply to adults at risk. Discuss concerns with the adult first, but always report to Jim or Lisa.*

*Scenarios and detail: Companion Guide, Sections 10 & 11*

**ECB Policies:** [ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/policies-and-procedures](https://ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/policies-and-procedures)

**Kit Bag Resources:** [ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/kit-bag-resources](https://ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/kit-bag-resources)

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