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# Thatcham Town Cricket Club

## TTCC Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy Statement v1.4

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## 1 STATEMENT OF INTENT

TTCC is committed to ensuring all Children<sup>1</sup> and vulnerable adults<sup>2</sup> participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

TTCC will do this by:

- Recognising all children and vulnerable adults participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for TTCC provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children and vulnerable adults.
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safe Guarding" and any future versions of this.
- Appointing a TTCC Safe Guarding Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for TTCC (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) understand the ECB "Safe Hands – Safe Guarding Policy" applies to them according to their level of contact with children and vulnerable adults in cricket.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for TTCC are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for TTCC are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and TTCC.
- Ensuring the name and contact details of TTCC's Safe Guarding Officer is available:
  - As the first point of contact for parents, children and vulnerable adults and volunteers / staff within TTCC.
  - As a local source of procedural advice for TTCC, its committee and members.
  - As the main point of contact within TTCC for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Child Protection Team.

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<sup>1</sup> Is a person under the age of 18.

<sup>2</sup> Is a person over the age of 18 who is unable to take care of him or herself, who is unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.

- As the main point of contact within TTCC for relevant external agencies in connection with safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
- Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding children and vulnerable adults concerns. Such procedures should recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and be in accordance with pre-defined safe guarding children and vulnerable adults procedures as set down by the ECB, Statutory Agencies and Local Safe Guarding Children Board (LSCB) guidelines and policies.
- Providing everyone connected with TTCC (including parents, children and vulnerable adults and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns they have (about possible suspected child / adult abuse, and / or about poor practice) to TTCC's Safe Guarding Officer.
- Ensuring all suspicious concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring access to confidential information relating to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults matters is restricted to TTCC Safe Guarding Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB safeguarding procedures.

Signed : 

20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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**THE END**