



# BOLTON VILLAS CRICKET CLUB

Members of the Airedale & Wharfedale Senior Cricket League

## Bolton Villas Cricket Club Safeguarding Policy

Bolton Villas Cricket Club is committed to ensuring that all children and vulnerable adults participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. Underpinning our policy are the following principles of safeguarding:

- Empowerment
- Protection
- Prevention
- Collaboration
- Transparency

We will ensure our commitment to safeguarding by:

- Recognising that all children and Vulnerable Adults (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring that individuals working within cricket at Bolton Villas Cricket Club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience.
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe-Hands" policy for safeguarding children and any future versions of the policy.
- Appointing club welfare officers and ensuring that they attend current and future training required by the ECB and the NSPCC, so that they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively.
- Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at Bolton Villas Cricket Club (such as coaches, team managers, volunteers and officials) understand that the policy applies to them according to their level of contact with children and Vulnerable Adults.
- Ensuring that all individuals working within cricket at or for Bolton Cricket Club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines.
- Ensuring that the name and contact details of the club's welfare officers are available:
  - As the first point of contact for parents, children, volunteers and staff.
  - As the local source of procedural advice for Bolton Villas Cricket Club, its committee and members
  - As the main point of contact within Bolton Villas Cricket Club for the ECB child protection team, and
  - As the main point of contact at Bolton Villas Cricket Club for any external agencies in connection with child welfare.
- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding and child protection concerns. Such procedures recognising the responsibility of the statutory agencies and in accordance with pre-defined safeguarding and child protection procedures as defined by the ECB, statutory agencies and local Safeguarding Child Boards guidelines and policies.

- Providing everyone connected with Bolton Villas Cricket Club with the opportunity to voice any concerns which they have (about possible suspected child abuse and or poor practice) to the county welfare officers.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with appropriately and swiftly.
- Ensuring that access to confidential and sensitive information relating to child welfare matters are restricted to the welfare officers at the club and the appropriate external authorities as specified within the ECB safeguarding and child protection procedures.

Ratified by the BVCC Management

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Child Welfare Officer