



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Safeguarding Policy

- 1 **Our commitment.** The Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League (YCSPL) is committed to ensuring that all children (persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. We do this by:
 - putting procedures in place
 - having the right people in place
 - publicising what to do if anyone has a concern
 - providing cricket-specific guidance
- 2 **Putting procedures in place**
 - We recognise that all children participating in cricket (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.
 - We expect that individuals working within cricket in our league provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children.
 - We provide an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This helps us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice).
 - We adopt and implement the ECB policy 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'.
 - We ensure all individuals working within our league are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- 3 **Having the Right People in Place.** We appoint a League Safeguarding Manager (LSM) and ensure that the LSM attends training modules required by the ECB. Our LSM can be contacted at safeguarding.manager@ycspl.co.uk.
- 4 **Role of the LSM.** The LSM will:
 - ensure that each club in our league has a Safeguarding Officer and that all relevant officials in clubs have had 'Safe Hands' training
 - has be the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the league as a source of procedural advice for the league, its committee and members
 - be the main point of contact within the YCSPL for the YCB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team
 - be the main point of contact within the YCSPL for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding
 - ensure that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns

- 5 **What to do if you have a concern.** If you have a concern about a safeguarding issue within the YCSPL, you should contact the LSM as above.
- We will ensure that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
 - We will ensure access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters, is restricted to those who need to know, in order to safeguard children – including relevant Safeguarding Officers and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.
- 6 **Providing cricket-specific guidance**
- We ensure all individuals working in our league 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.
 - We ensure all people who work in our league (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches, etc) understand how the 'Safe Hands Policy' applies to them.