



Larkfield Table Tennis Club

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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

LTTTC are a voluntary sports club affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association and therefore will follow all ETTA guidelines and policies as far as practically possible regarding Child Protection.

This involves volunteers training, selection and recruitment, screening and following good practice

The aim of this policy is to promote good practice, by ensuring that all members:

- Are fully aware of their responsibilities with regard to child protection
- Safeguard and promote the interests and well being of children whom they are working
- Respond appropriately to concerns
- Take all reasonable and practical steps to protect children from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment
- Respect and promote children's rights, wishes and feelings
- Make informed and confident responses to child protection

The ETTA Child Protection Policy and guidelines will:

- Offer safeguards to children, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers
- Help to maintain high standards of professionalism and practice at all levels of sport

Implementation procedures that demonstrate a commitment to:

- The provision of support, appropriate training (and updating) and adequate supervision of coaches, staff and members to enable them to work together with parents, coaches and other organizations to ensure that the welfare and needs of children remain paramount.

The ETTA believes in and seeks to uphold the following principles:

- The child's welfare is paramount
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability gender, racial origin, religious belief and or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- Staff, Officials and Volunteers are not trained to decide whether abuse has occurred, but are vested with the responsibility for ensuring that they act upon any concerns in relation to children/young people
- That processes for dealing with complaints are fair and open challenge through an appeals process.

All children have a right to have fun and be safe in sport. Adults and children have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. The ETTA acknowledges that false allegations of abuse do get made but are however, rare. The ETTA is committed to safeguarding children, coaches, volunteers, staff, officials and the sport through adherence to these procedures.

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