

Scaynes Hill Cricket Club – Junior Section

Safeguarding Policy Statement

(Adapted from ECB Guidance)

Scaynes Hill Cricket Club (the Club) is committed to ensuring that all Children participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

We will do this by:

- Recognising that all children 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 that individuals working within cricket at or for our club provide a safe positive and fun cricketing experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “*Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children*” and any future versions of the policy.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB and the NSPCC, so that they have the necessary skills to be able to undertake their role effectively. To ensure that their name and contact details are available as a point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club.
- Ensuring that all people who work in cricket at or for our club understand that the Safe Hands Policy applies to them according to their level of contact with children in cricket.
- 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.
- Providing everyone connected with the Club (including parents, children and volunteers) with the opportunity to voice any concerns which they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to child welfare matters is restricted to the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities as specified within ECB Safeguarding and child protection procedures.