

# CRAMLINGTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Promoting and encouraging community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing table tennis.

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

*Safeguarding can be viewed as the 'umbrella' that protects all of table tennis through examples of good practice, policies and guidelines whilst child protection is the management of reported issues and concerns.*

*Table Tennis England has put in place a series of policies and guidelines In order to ensure that all of our young people and vulnerable adults are able to enjoy our sport free from abuse.*

*Cramlington Table Tennis Club aims to create an atmosphere where children, young people and vulnerable persons feel valued and safe and a place where their welfare is promoted.*

***The club supports and adopts the Safeguarding Policy of Table Tennis England***

*It will be rigorous and vigilant in protecting the children and young people using the project from abuse, bullying and intimidation. We will do this through promotion of good practice and providing guidance to volunteers working within the Club on what constitutes appropriate behaviour.*

*Everyone involved in the Club will have access to our detailed Child Protection Policy and is obliged to make sure that children and young people using the project are safe.*

## TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The aim of this policy is to promote good practice by ensuring that all Table Tennis England members will:

- Be fully aware of their responsibilities with regard to safeguarding and child protection
- Safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of the young and vulnerable people with whom they are working
- Respond appropriately to all concerns



- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of all young and vulnerable people and take all reasonable and practical steps to protect them from harm, discrimination or abuse
- Be offered support and training to allow them to fulfil their individual role with regard to the protection and safeguarding of young and vulnerable people.

Table Tennis England believes in and seeks to uphold the following principles:

- The welfare of the child is paramount and also that of any vulnerable member of our society.
- All young and vulnerable people have the right to protection from abuse regardless of their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity.
- All allegations will be taken seriously and any reports or concerns will be dealt with promptly and sensitively ensuring that all appropriate action is taken.
- Staff and volunteers recognise they have the responsibility to ensure that they act upon any concerns or allegations.
- Processes for dealing with all complaints and allegations are fair and open to challenge through an appeals process.
- Table Tennis England commits to support anyone who, in good faith, reports their concerns.
- Require all staff and members to adopt and abide by Table Tennis England's Safeguarding and Vulnerable Adults Policy and Guidelines which incorporates Table Tennis England's Codes of Conduct.

In drawing up this Policy and the Guidelines Table Tennis England have taken into account the following guidance and legislation:

- The Children Act 2004
- The Children Act 1989
- The Protection of Children Act 1999
- The safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The Every Child Matters strategy 2004
- Working together to Safeguard Children
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Human Rights Act 1998
- The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
- Data protection Act 1998
- Police Act 1997
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012



Personal information will be treated in strict confidence, within the limits of the law, which requires that the Police, Children's Social Care and/or any other statutory agencies including the NSPCC be informed where there are concerns that a child or adult is at serious risk of harm or it is believed that a crime has been committed.

The club has adopted the Table Tennis England Child Protection Policy and Guidelines. A copy of the guidelines is available for members to read at the club venue and can be access on the CTTC website – [www.cramlingontabletennis.info/governance/](http://www.cramlingontabletennis.info/governance/) .

The Table Tennis England Safeguarding Guidelines are available from the Table Tennis England website ([www.tabletennisengland.co.uk](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk))

Adopted in Club Committee Meeting minutes

Signed:

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Club Chairman

Dated:

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