

Bradninch Cricket Club



Established 1891

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Awareness and Procedures for all adults involved in cricket for children and young people

Aims

1. To raise the awareness of coaches , parents and club members of the need for child protection .
2. To confirm the responsibilities of coaches , parents and club members in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse .
3. To provide a systematic means of monitoring children thought to be at risk .
4. To emphasis the need for good levels of communication between all club members .
5. To develop a structured internal procedure to be followed by all members of the club in cases of suspected abuse .
6. To promote understanding and build relationships with other agencies in order to work together more effectively .

7. To support the child's development in ways which will foster security , confidence and independence .

What is Child Abuse ?

Term used to describe ways in which children are harmed , usually by adults they know and trust .

Forms of Abuse ?

- Physical
- Sexual
- Neglect
- Emotional

How to respond ?

A cricket coach **is not** responsible for determining whether abuse has taken place

A coach **is** responsible for protecting the child

Reporting such matters or concerns should not be delayed – see list of contacts

Listening to the Child

DO

- keep calm , reassure child
- listen carefully
- emphasize that claims are being taken seriously
- be honest , explain you may need to involve somebody else
- take accurate , factual notes
- report to a designated person in the club or contact list

DON'T

- panic
- make judgements
- agree to keep secrets
- approach the alleged abuser

Good Practice

- Always be in a publicly open place when working with children
- When offering help with manual support , only within ECB guidelines
- Where possible , Parents should take responsibility in changing rooms
- Encourage an open environment - NO SECRETS

ECB Coaches – Code of Conduct

Rights – Cricket Coaches must respect and champion the rights of every individual to participate in the game

Relationships – Cricket Coaches must develop a relationship with players (and others) based on openness , honesty , mutual trust and respect

Responsibilities – personal standards – Cricket Coaches must demonstrate proper behavior and conduct at all times

Responsibilities – professional standards – To maximize the benefits and minimize the risks to players , coaches must attain a high level of competence through appropriate qualifications and a commitment to ongoing training that ensures safe and correct practice .

Equity in Sport

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

Local Professional Contact List

Police Unit with responsibility for Child Protection

Family & Child Protection Unit
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Heavitree Road
Exeter
EX1 2LR

01392 – 451599

Nearest Police Station with responsibility for general enquiries

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Station Road
Cullompton
EX15 1AH

0990 777444

Social Services department with Child Protection responsibility

Help Desk , Mid Devon Social Services
Pheonix Lane
Tiverton
EX16 6LB

01392 384157

Emergency 01392 438811

County Cricket Development Officer

Stuart Priscott
East Devon District Council
Knowle
Sidmouth
Devon
EX10 8HL

01395 - 517470

ChildLine UK 0800 1111 (24 hour)

NSPCC 0800 800 500 (24 hour)

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