

Barton & Myerscough

Tennis Club

Safeguarding Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Kathryn Rigby who is Barton Tennis Club Welfare Officer. Kathryn's background is in teaching. She has been a primary school teacher for over 25 years and is now retired. She is up to date with the relevant LTA safeguarding training and is regularly DBS checked. She plays tennis regularly at the club and sits on our Committee.

Anna Navarro and Hilary Gregory will support Kathryn in her role wherever necessary and when appropriate.

Kathryn can be contacted by telephone at: 07745977190 or via email at: bartontenniswelfare@gmail.com

Barton and Myerscough Tennis Club is committed to prioritising the wellbeing of all children and adults at risk, promoting safeguarding in our club at all times, including all coaching and events we run.

We have numerous safeguarding policies in place, which strive to minimise risk and deliver a positive tennis experience for everyone and respond positively to all safeguarding concerns and disclosures.

The link below is to the safeguarding page of our website where contact details of our welfare officer - Kathryn Rigby- can be found at anytime and where there are links to our most up to date policies should you wish to read them. [LINK](#)

Please be assured that our coach has a current DBS check in place and is accredited with the LTA which means he/she has undergone safeguarding and emergency first aid at work training.



NEW AGE LIMITS

& PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee wish to advise that:

- Children under the age of 12 are required to have parent/guardian supervision whilst at our venue when not participating in any venue sessions, (such as coaching lessons or tennis camps).
- Children aged under 12 must now be delivered directly into the care of the coach, by the parent/guardian and picked up directly from the coach.
- Please note - it is not enough to drop off outside or in the car park of the venue. Parents/Guardians must ensure that their child has been delivered to the coach.
- Children under 12 will not be allowed to leave a session unattended, unless permission has been given in writing to the coach.
- Children under 12 should be accompanied by parent/guardian to the toilet facilities which are located outside the court area.
- Please note: There are no changing facilities for children at the club.



ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY JUNIOR MEMBERS

We are required to request parents/guardians spend a few minutes reading through the following points with their Under 18's to ensure they understand their responsibilities for internet and social media use. The cooperation of all parents/guardians is needed to ensure this requirement is met please.

- Children will be responsible for their behaviour when using the internet and social media at the venue/county, including the content accessed and how they conduct themselves.
- Children should not deliberately create, browse or access material that could be considered offensive, inappropriate or illegal. If children accidentally come across any such material, they will report this to a member of staff (such as a Coach or Team Captain). Children should understand that electronic devices may need to be temporarily confiscated if they are found to have deliberately accessed such material.
- Children will not use social media or the internet to send anyone data, images or other material which could be considered inappropriate, threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or illegal.
- Children should understand that they should only use the venue/county official social media or website communication channels to contact them and should not seek out individual members of staff or coaches.
- Children should ensure any messages sent to coaches, volunteers or other members of staff are about their tennis activity and nothing else.
- Children should understand that all use of internet and social media is potentially visible to everyone and that any issues involving their behaviour online may be addressed by their coach or other staff or committee members at the venue/county.
- Children should not give out any personal information (such as name, age, address or telephone number online), or that of anyone else.
- Children will not arrange to meet someone that they have met online unless accompanied by an authorised member of staff or parent/carer.
- Children must understand that these rules are designed to keep them safe, and if they are not followed their parent/carer may be contacted.
- Children must avoid using a mobile, tablet or any device during activities or after the agreed bedtime curfew as they should understand that it will have an impact on their safety and opportunities to learn and achieve.

Further LTA guidance for staying safe online can found at <https://www.lta.org.uk/4abb53/siteassets/about-lta/file/lta-staying-safe-online-printer-friendly.pdf>

How to raise a concern about a child or an adult at risk at the club
If a child or an adult at risk is in immediate danger or risk of harm, the police should be contacted by calling 999.

Where a child or an adult at risk is not in immediate danger, any concerns about their wellbeing should be made without delay to Kathryn Rigby – the Tennis Welfare Officer for Barton and Myerscough Tennis Club.

**You can contact the LTA Safeguarding Team
on safeguarding@lta.org.uk**

**Please also find a link below to the LTA Safe To Play Campaign.
<https://www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk/>**

**The LADO - The Local Authority Designated Officer can be
contacted on**

Children Services 0300 123 6720

Adult Services 0300 123 6720

If, a whistle-blower does not feel comfortable raising a concern with the Tennis Section Welfare Officer, they should contact the LTA Safeguarding Team directly, the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

We have a safeguarding area on the noticeboard inside our tennis clubhouse which has details of all our policies, procedures and contact details of our welfare officer. They are also available to read on the safeguarding page of our website.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BartonMyerscoughTennisClub/Safeguarding>