



BERKSHIRE TENNIS

Berkshire LTA Unsupervised Children Policy for County Training & Events.

Berkshire LTA is committed to prioritising the wellbeing of children, always promoting safeguarding at any Club.

The Safeguarding Policy strives to minimise risk, deliver a positive attitude for everyone, and respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns / disclosures.

This policy in relation to children being unsupervised whilst at any Club whilst attending Berkshire LTA County Training Sessions & County Events held there.

The following update is now in force:

- Any child, that is someone under the age of 18 years old, remains the sole responsibility of their parent or guardian at all time – whether they are accompanied or not.
- It is a decision for the parent or guardian as to whether their child is an appropriate age to be left unsupervised. If the Club staff have concerns, then they will refer these to the County & the Club Safeguarding Officers and Club management. While normally respecting the decision of a parent/guardian in this regard the Berkshire LTA & any Club reserves the right to insist upon a child not being left unsupervised.
- Club staff are not able to supervise children when they are at the club.
- When a child attends for a Berkshire LTA training lesson and is left at the club, the Berkshire LTA coach will be responsible for them during the lesson only. Parents / Guardians are encouraged to remain on site during lessons or activities.
- Parents / Guardians must have made appropriate arrangements with the Berkshire LTA Coach for the end of the lesson.
- Children Under 13 must be accompanied when using any Club changing facilities.
- Children Under 17 must be accompanied when using a gym.

Berkshire LTA would like to draw the following situations to parents / guardian's attention:

- If a child has been left at any Club, do they have full contact details if they need to call their parent or guardian or are involved in an accident?
- If a parent is delayed collecting their child, does the child know what to do?
- There are certain areas of the club that pose a greater risk than others. Unless otherwise agreed players attending County Training sessions are not permitted to use other Club sports facilities.