

# SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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This policy applies to all club members, volunteers and 3rd parties participating in activities at Fressingfield Tennis Club.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect children and young people who receive services from Fressingfield Tennis Club. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
- To provide volunteers and coaches with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding.

Fressingfield Tennis Club believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Relevant government guidance of safeguarding children

## WE RECOGNISE THAT:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

## WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE BY:

- Valuing them, listening to, and respecting them.
- Adopting child protection practices through procedures and a code of conduct for volunteers and coaches.
- Providing effective management for volunteers and coaches through supervision, support and procedures.
- Ensuring that all necessary checks are made on volunteers and coaches
- Sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, coaches and volunteers
- Sharing concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact us to discuss anything in this policy, or wish to raise any concerns, please contact our Safe Guarding and Welfare officer:

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## WE ARE COMMITTED TO REVIEWING OUR POLICY AND GOOD PRACTICE REGULARLY

This policy was last reviewed by the Fressingfield Tennis Club committee on :

Signed:



ANDREW HALL  
CHAIRMAN

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