



38 Magdalen Road, London SW18 3NP

MPLTC SAFEGUARDING POLICY SUMMARY

MAGDALEN PARK Lawn Tennis Club is committed to ensuring all Children* participating in tennis at MPLTC have a safe and positive experience. (*The word “Children” should be taken to mean all persons under the age of 18.)

We will do this by:

Recognising all children participating in tennis (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment

We believe that young people have the right to be treated with respect, and to have their concerns listened to and acted upon.

Ensuring individuals working within tennis at, or for, our club provide a safe, positive and fun tennis experience for children

Adopting and implementing the LTA "Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of this

Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the LTA, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively

Ensuring all people who work in tennis at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) have a responsibility for safeguarding children, and understand how the “Safeguarding Policy” applies to them according to their level of contact with children in tennis

Ensuring all individuals working within tennis at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with LTA guidelines and relevant legislation

Ensuring all individuals working within tennis at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and code of conduct guidelines defined by the LTA, and the club

Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available:

- As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club
- As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members
- As the main point of contact within the club for the LTA Safeguarding Team
- As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with safeguarding

Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding concerns

Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns they have (about possible suspected child abuse, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer

Ensuring all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately

Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the LTA Safeguarding Team as specified within LTA Safeguarding procedures.

The club has an adult member who is specifically responsible for children, young people and child protection:

Welfare Officer
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