



## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY Updated February 2019



The aim of this policy is to ensure that everyone who participates at Sodbury Tennis Club is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. Sodbury Tennis Club has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that, when given the responsibility for young people, coaches and volunteers provide them with the highest standard of care.

This policy is fully supported by the Sodbury Tennis Club Management Committee which is responsible for the implementation and review of this policy

Sodbury Tennis Club will therefore adhere to the following:

- a) All children, whatever their age, culture, ability, gender, language, racial origin or religious belief should be able to participate in tennis or other sport and social activities at Sodbury Tennis Club in a fun and safe environment
- b) To take all reasonable steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment.
- c) Treat all young people with respect, and have their concerns listened to and acted upon.
- d) Ensure that the needs of junior members are provided for through specific programs designated facilities and safe practice
- e) Have procedures in place to address poor practice and to help any young person who appears to be at risk, or who appears to be the victim of abuse
- f) Offer help and support when a child or young person tells us that they are affected by these issues
- g) Take steps to ensure that any volunteers and all professionals working alone with children are suitable to do so, through the use of references and background checks
- h) Ensure that all relevant people have been vetted and approved through the criminal record bureau disclosure process
- i) Ensure that all those working with children are made aware of the LTA code of conduct for people working with children in tennis, and are required to follow it

Sodbury Tennis Club has a welfare officer who is specifically responsible for children, young people and child protection  
This person's name is Richard Colman  
They can be contacted on 07752 901885

LTA Child Protection  
0208 487 7000 or email [safeguarding@lta.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lta.org.uk)

This policy should be read in conjunction with The Sodbury Tennis Club Safeguarding Policy  
This policy will be next reviewed February 2021.