



Young Person & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy Statement

POLICY

Petanque Wallingford acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of young persons and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Petanque England requirements including Juniors & Vulnerable Members Protection Policy, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check Procedure and Member's Code of Conduct.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of young persons and vulnerable adults are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background everyone shall

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of playing petanque at Petanque Wallingford
- are protected from abuse whilst playing petanque or outside of the activity.

Petanque Wallingford acknowledges that some young persons and vulnerable adults including disabled or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy Petanque Wallingford will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of young persons and vulnerable adults
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to young persons and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Petanque Wallingford. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in exclusion from the club.

MONITORING

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by Petanque England
- as a result of any other significant change or event.