



Delph and Dobcross Cricket Club Safeguarding Statement

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is committed to ensuring all children who take part in cricket, have a safe positive and fun experience, whatever their level of involvement and at Delph and Dobcross Cricket Club (DDCC) we want all our young people and children to be in 'Safe Hands'.

- The welfare of all our children up to 16 years of age and young people up to 18 years is paramount and is everyone's responsibility
- All children and young people within cricket, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to enjoy the game in an environment safe from abuse of any kind
- The ECB and DDCC recognises the importance of safeguarding children within the game and is committed to developing, and implementing, policies and procedures which ensure that everyone knows, and accepts, their responsibility in relation to a duty of care for children
- The ECB is committed to ensuring there are correct and comprehensive procedures for responding to, recording and reporting child safeguarding concerns
- The ECB and DDCC will endeavour to ensure all suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately in line with ECB policy and procedures
- The ECB and DDCC recognises that appropriate safeguarding is not just about preventing abuse but providing the best environment for children to enjoy themselves and the game of cricket
- The ECB and DDCC is committed to ensuring that safeguarding and protecting children is central to its development of the game and as a responsible cricket club DDCC has adopted and implemented the "Safe Hands" Safeguarding Policy and have accessed ECB training to ensure it is done correctly
- A Club Welfare Officer, Rebecca Hunter, has been appointed to ensure that appropriate procedures are followed. Other volunteers have also received the Safe Hands training to support the work of the Welfare Officer.
- The ECB and DDCC recognises the responsibility of the statutory agencies and is committed to working with Local Safeguarding Children Boards and Local Authority Designated Officers and complying with their procedures and the statutory guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023"
- The ECB and DDCC is committed to promoting sound recruitment procedures and good practice for all individuals working within cricket whether in a paid or voluntary capacity
- The ECB and DDCC will ensure that volunteers and staff will receive support through education and training, to be aware of, and understand, best practice and how to manage any safeguarding issues which may come to light
- The ECB and DDCC recognises that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working in cricket to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns about our children at DDCC please inform Rebecca Hunter the Welfare Officer rebeccahunter743@icloud.com or 07816655647 (If your concern is about Rebecca Hunter you may contact the County Welfare Officer, Rob Knowles r.knowles@yorkshirecb.com or 07917205860)

If a child is in immediate danger contact the police immediately on 999 or Childrens Social Care (MASH team) on 0161 770 7777