



PAULTONS CRICKET CLUB

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Paultons Cricket Club (the Club) is committed to ensuring everyone participating in cricket does so in a safe, friendly, secure, and enjoyable environment. Everyone at the club, whether as a player, coach, official, administrator, staff member, volunteer, spectator, parent, or carer has a role to play. Individually and collectively, it is our actions, both on and off the field which can help create a positive and inclusive culture.

We will do this by:

- Having the right people in place
- Creating the right culture and environment
- Ensuring clear processes are in place for reporting and responding to safeguarding concerns
- Adopting the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and Guidance

Having the Right People in Place

Whilst everyone at our club has a responsibility for Safeguarding, we also have a designated Club Safeguarding Officer who has completed specialist Safe Hands training provided by the ECB.

The Club Safeguarding Officer is:

- The first point of contact for all children, parents/carers volunteers, and members at the Club
- Responsible for ensuring that everyone who is working with children at the Club is subject to appropriate safer recruitment processes • A member of our committee
- A source of safeguarding advice for the Club, its committee, and members
- The Club's main point of contact for the County Safeguarding Officer, the ECB Safeguarding Team and other external safeguarding agencies
- The person responsible for ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding concerns.



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Reporting and Responding to Safeguarding Concerns

It is our aim that everyone at the Club should feel confident to raise a concern, no matter how small. We believe that raising and dealing with concerns quickly, when they occur, supports a proactive safeguarding culture at the Club.

All suspicions, concerns and allegations will be taken seriously. We will follow the 3R's with every concern: Responding appropriately, Recording confidentiality and Reporting where necessary, ensuring that concerns are dealt with in a fair and prompt manner.

The Club recognises that it is not the responsibility of club members to determine or investigate if abuse has taken place, but to act upon and report any concerns promptly.

We ensure that confidential information relating to safeguarding matters is shared appropriately and only with those who need to know. Information may need to be shared with the County Safeguarding Officer, Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team, or local agencies with statutory responsibility for safeguarding. If we are unsure, we will seek advice from our County Safeguarding Officer.

Adopting the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and Guidance

- The Club has formally adopted the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and guidance as part of our constitution
- The Club works within the ECB Safeguarding Procedure for the management of safeguarding investigations
- We ensure that all individuals who work and volunteer at or for our Club understand how Safe Hands applies to them.

Club Commitment

Paultons Cricket Club is committed to this Safeguarding Policy Statement and will review it on an annual basis.

Signed by –

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Mark Lamb
Chairman

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Vicky Richman
Club Safeguarding Officer

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Date of renewal - 3 February 2026

Our Club Safeguarding Officer's details are: Vicky Richman:
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