

# Child Protection

*A successful badminton club should have a strong and positive influence on its members, especially the younger members. The club will provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement, and also help to develop key personal skills such as self-esteem, leadership and teamwork.*

*The purpose of Badminton Club Accreditation is to try to ensure that the management of the badminton club is in the right hands, i.e. of those who place the welfare of young people first and adopt practices and policies that support, protect and empower them.*

*By adopting an approved Child Protection Policy the club is making a statement that it believes every adult involved with the club has a legal and moral responsibility to protect the more vulnerable members of the club, including its young and disabled members.*

## Child Protection Policy Statement

### Whitehorse Badminton Club

This child protection policy demonstrates the importance that this club places on the protection of children who participate in the club programme. The club is committed to ensuring that its young members are able to enjoy a wide range of activities in a safe environment.

The club will:

- Implement procedures to provide a duty of care for children and vulnerable adults to safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people
- Ensure that advice, guidance and training is available for all volunteers involved with the management of the club
- Adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse and volunteers from false allegations.
- Require all members and visitors to abide by the club's codes of conduct and equity policy
- Respond to all incidents of suspicious poor practice and allegations seriously, swiftly and appropriately
- Report allegations or incidence of suspicious poor practice to the Club Child Welfare Officer

A full copy of BADMINTON England Child Protection Policy and Procedures in Badminton document is available on BADMINTON England website [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) or from BADMINTON England Development Department