

ANTI BULLYING POLICY

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- Amendments to wording including:
 - Promoting code of conduct and safe recruitment
 - Requirements around reporting bullying incidents
 - Ensuring children are aware of helpline numbers
 - Informing parents of anti-bullying policy
- Useful contacts updated.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

North Cadbury Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) and adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

Bullying is defined as a range of abusive behaviour that is repeated and intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally.

This document sets out how to help prevent bullying from happening to all children and adults at risk. It also sets out how to make sure bullying is stopped as soon as possible if it does happen and that those involved receive the support they need. It also provides information to all staff, volunteers, children and their families about what should be done to prevent and deal with bullying.

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals associated with North Cadbury Tennis Club.

WE RECOGNISE THAT

- Bullying causes real distress. It can affect a person's health and development and, at the extreme, can cause significant harm
- All children and adults at risk, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Everyone has a role to play in preventing all forms of bullying (including online) and putting a stop to bullying.

WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK SAFE BY

- Recognising that bullying is closely related to how we respect and recognise the value of diversity.
- Recognising our duty of care and responsibility towards safeguarding
- Promoting and implement this anti-bullying policy in addition to our safeguarding policy and procedures
- Ensuring that bullying behaviour is not tolerated or condoned
- Taking action to respond and deal with any reports of bullying towards children
- Encouraging and facilitating children to play a part in developing and adopting appropriate behaviours
- **PROMOTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BEHAVIOUR**
- Employing safe recruitment practices
- Making sure our response to incidents of bullying takes into account:
 - The needs of the person displaying bullying behaviour
 - The needs of the person being bullied
 - The needs of others who may be affected
 - Our North Cadbury Tennis Club as a whole

PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF WILL:

- Encourage individuals to speak out about bullying behaviour and report incidents of bullying behaviour they see to the Welfare Officer.
- Respect every child's need for, and right to, a play environment where safety, security, praise, recognition and opportunity for taking responsibility are available
- Respect the feelings and views of others, even if you don't agree with them

- Recognise that everyone is important and equal, and that our differences make each of us special and worthy of being valued
- Show appreciation of others by acknowledging individual qualities, contributions and progress
- Ensure safety by having rules and practices carefully explained and displayed for all to see
- Report incidents of bullying behaviour they see or hear about

SUPPORTING CHILDREN

- We'll let children know who will listen to and support them
- We'll create an "open door" ethos where children feel confident to talk to an adult about bullying behaviour or any other issue that affects them
- Potential barriers to talking (including those associated with a child's disability or impairment) will be acknowledged and addressed at the outset to enable children to speak out
- We'll make sure children are aware of helpline numbers
- Anyone who reports an incident of bullying will be listened to carefully and reports will be taken seriously
- Any reported experience of bullying behaviour will be investigated and will involve listening carefully to all those involved
- Children experiencing bullying behaviour will be supported and helped to uphold their right to play and live in a safe environment
- Those who display bullying behaviour will be supported and encouraged to develop better relationships
- We'll make sure that any sanctions are proportionate and fair

SUPPORT TO THE PARENTS/CARERS

- Parents will be advised on the anti-bullying policy and practice
- Any experience of bullying behaviour will be discussed with the child's parents or carers
- Parents will be consulted on action to be taken (for both victim and bully)
- Information and advice on coping with bullying will be made available
- Support will be offered to parents, including information from other agencies or support lines

RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This policy should be read alongside our policies and procedures, including:

- Code of conduct (in the safeguarding policy)
- Diversity and inclusion
- Online safety and communication
- Photography and filming
- Safeguarding policy
- Safeguarding at events, activities and competitions.

USEFUL CONTACTS

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

Childline 0800 1111 / www.childline.org.uk

Kidscape www.kidscape.org.uk

This policy is reviewed every three years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

Chairperson : Elizabeth Ellis

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Date: 30th January 2025

Welfare Officer : Carla Barber

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Safe and Inclusive Tennis – Reporting a Concern Form

For recording concerns about a child or adult that involve physical/sexual/emotional/financial abuse, bullying, neglect or discrimination. **If someone is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.**

Please complete the form (electronically or print and use black ink) within 24 hours and return to the Safe and Inclusive Tennis Team at safeandinclusive@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the concern.

Date concern raised:		Today's date:	
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Section 1) Details of those involved in concern

	Your details	Welfare Officer / Referee (if different)
Name		
Name of venue based at		
Role at venue (if applicable)		
Contact details (including address)		

	Person you are concerned about	Alleged perpetrator
Name		
Date of birth (if known)		
Name of venue based at		
Role at venue (if		

applicable)		
Contact details (including address)		

Is the Welfare Officer/Referee aware of the concern? (please delete)	
Yes	No

Section 2) Details of the concern

What happened? <i>Please include:</i> • When • Where • Who told you about the concern • Who was involved • Any visible injuries?	
Additional comments Is there any other information which you think is relevant to the concern?	

Section 3) Details of the parent or carer of the person you are concerned about (if relevant)

Name(s)	
Contact details (including address)	
Have they been informed of the concern? (please delete)	Yes No
<i>The parent/carer should not be informed if doing so would put the child/adult at risk of harm</i>	If they have not been informed of the concern, please give your reason why:

Section 4) Actions taken

Who has been informed about the concern? (e.g. Children's Services, Police, LTA, etc.)			
Name	Organisation and role	Contact details	Date informed

What did they say/do?	
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What else has been done about the concern (if anything)?	
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