



# Fleet Aces Pickleball Club Safeguarding Policy

## Principles.

Safeguarding is a term used to denote measures to protect the health, well-being and human rights of individuals, which allow people—especially children, young people and vulnerable adults—to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Safeguarding in sport is the process of protecting participants from harm by providing a safe space in which to play sport and be active.

Abuse can take many forms including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, discriminatory, modern slavery, domestic violence.

If any member of Fleet Aces has concerns that another member is at risk of any form of abuse, either while attending club sessions, or at any other time, then they need to act on their concerns.

## Instructions for members of Fleet Aces

If you think a person is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, you should call the emergency services on 999. Wherever possible let the person know what you're doing.

If you have any concerns about the behaviour of another member, or any concerns for the welfare of any individual, or if you see any examples or signs of abuse of any kind, then you should speak to the club welfare officer. If the concern is about the club welfare officer, then you should speak to the chairman or any other committee member.

Safeguarding is everyone's concern.

## Processes

The club has a code of conduct and is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all to enjoy Pickleball, regardless of age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion, ethnic background, social status, transgender status or sexual orientation.

The club has an up-to-date risk assessment.

The club holds an emergency contact number for all members.

The club appoints a welfare officer, who has appropriate experience in safeguarding (as agreed by the committee annually).

### **Further information**

<https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/safeguarding>

<https://www.pickleballengland.org/safeguarding-and-protecting-young-people/>

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