

East Grinstead Hockey Club

Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy



East Grinstead hockey club has adopted the England Hockey's policy on 'Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey'. A full copy can be provided on request or obtained from; www.englishockey.co.uk/safe. A Young Person/child is defined as anyone less than 18yrs of age.

Overriding Principles of the policy are;

- The Child's welfare is paramount.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicious allegations of abuse must be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Coaches/Leaders should ensure Good Practice by;

- Ensuring the facilities and surroundings are safe, well maintained and adequate for the number of players. This includes floodlighting if required.
- Adequate changing and showering facilities.
- All children should have adequate breaks for the length of the day and intensity of the practice/game.
- Children are not put in physical danger through inappropriate grouping.
- Ensure adults take care when participating in games with young people.
- Children should not play more than is desirable for their age and/or ability.
- All children should be made aware of the importance of proper procedures for the intake of liquid and food.
- All children are adequately protected from the effects of the weather, particularly the sun.
- All children should wear appropriate kit including goalkeepers.
- Making sure parents are aware of start and finish times and never leave a child alone whilst waiting to be collected.
- Having available emergency contact numbers and medical details of the players.
- Using only experienced/qualified coaches with adequate third party liability insurance.

Reporting Procedures;

In the event of an accident or concern please refer to the following

- East Grinstead HC Guidelines for dealing with an accident
- East Grinstead HC Accident reporting form
- Club safeguarding Referral Form / England hockey