

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk at Dorking Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Commitment to Safeguarding

Dorking Lawn Tennis and Squash Club is committed to providing the highest quality tennis and squash in a safe secure environment for all our members to enjoy. We recognise, however, that we have particular responsibilities when working with and/or supporting children and young people (i.e. anyone who has not reached their 18th birthday) and adults who are at risk¹. Consequently, we aim to promote safeguarding in our club at all times, including programmes and events that we run, and, in order to meet this commitment, this policy has been approved by the Board of Directors who are responsible for its implementation and review.

As access to the Club cannot be controlled, any child or young person left to play by their parent/carer (unless part of the coaching programme whether for individual, group or holiday camp sessions) is deemed to be the responsibility of their parents/carer. Children under 10 should be collected from the clubhouse.

This policy applies to parents as well as coaching staff and or volunteers who may be working with children or young people on behalf of the club. All parents and coaches will be reminded periodically of their safeguarding responsibilities for their own children.

Similarly, adults at risk may require additional support in certain situations or may lack the ability to make the right decisions.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding or want to report a concern, please contact, at the earliest opportunity, either of the clubs two Welfare Officers below.

Patricia Jubert	01306 880804	jubertjr@globalnet.co.uk
Janet Sutherland	07553 772877	dltsc ltd@gmail.com

However, in an emergency dial 999 or the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000.

1. An **Adult at Risk** is any person who is aged 18 years **or** over and is at **risk** of abuse or neglect as a result of their need for **care and or support**.

POLICY STATEMENT

DLTSC Ltd aims to provide a safe and secure environment where members and visitors are treated fairly and with respect and are adequately safeguarded. We also wish to promote and encourage the playing of tennis and squash, particularly amongst young people.

We will endeavour to meet this commitment by ensuring that:

- We undertake regular DBS checks of our coaches so that those who are known to be unsuitable do not gain access to young people or adults at risk.
- Those who are identified as being at risk are afforded every practicable protection by the club and its members.
- The relevant protection and assistance is afforded by the relevant bodies, as soon as practically possible, in the event that we determine anyone being abused.

We will try to ensure that:

- If anyone working or volunteering at the club appears to become unsuitable they will be prevented from continuing to do so.

DLTSC LTD will aim to:

- Create an attractive, enjoyable environment for all juniors and adults whilst participating in club activities.
- Endeavour to provide programmes, facilities and safe practice to meet the needs of our members.
- Ensure that all young people are treated with respect and that their concerns are listened to and acted upon.
- Fully implement procedures to address poor practice, and help any child, young person or vulnerable adult who appears to be at risk, or who appears to be the victim of abuse.
- We will ensure that volunteers or professionals working with children and vulnerable adults are suitable to do so through the use of references and background checks such as the DBS.

RAISING A SAFEGUARDING ALERT AND CLUB REPORTING PROCEDURE

- In an emergency dial 999
- If you have a concern that is not an emergency, contact the club's Welfare Officer
Patricia Jubert 01306 880804 jubertjr@globalnet.co.uk
Janet Sutherland 07553 772877 dltscLtd@gmail.com
- For a child if neither are available contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 900
- If appropriate, a referral will be made to the Surrey County Council Safeguarding Children or Adults Team or advice sort from the team.
- The Welfare Officer will also contact the relevant teams at the LTA or Squash England for advice and support and complete a Safeguarding Concern Reporting Form.

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