

Club Committee Safeguarding Responsibilities

Every squash club is responsible for their own governance and has a legal duty of care to all members. As part of this duty of care, there is an additional legal requirement for safeguarding; protecting children, young people and adults from harm by providing a safe environment in which they can participate in squash.

The Club Committee plays a key role in ensuring that all club activity is safe. Safeguarding responsibilities are the joint responsibility of all Club Committee members.

Key Responsibilities

- ❏ Approving & implementing policies, procedures and processes.
- ❏ Ensuring that club staff, volunteers and members act responsibly and set an example to others.
- ❏ Promoting an environment that prioritises the wellbeing and safety of players, including during the development of performance.
- ❏ Consistently promoting positive aspects of playing squash.
- ❏ Ensuring rules are upheld in a calm manner, with consistency and fairness.
- ❏ Willingness to respond to all concerns of abuse or poor practice.
- ❏ Promoting an environment where all concerns can be raised without fear of victimisation.
- ❏ Developing a culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Top Tips



Ensure that all committee members understand the club safeguarding policies and are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities. As part of their induction, they should be made aware of the procedures the club has in place.



Safeguarding must be a standard agenda item at committee meetings. This should include updates on safer recruitment, safeguarding training checks and overviews of any concerns.



Ensure at least one Club Welfare Officer is in place and have a direct line of communication with the club committee (if they don't sit on the committee already).