



27 September 2023

A Reminder To All Members - Safeguarding/Etiquette regarding Children and Young People playing in mixed aged sport

All children and young people have the right to be protected from any form of abuse and allowed to enjoy all aspects of sport at Ebbisham Sports Club.

All members must be mindful of children and young people who play in adult sport sections. Examples of behaviour that is not acceptable when children and young people are present include:

- Making sexually suggestive comments.
- Sending private texts, social network messages and emails without parental consent or knowledge.
- Inappropriate use of bad language.
- Inappropriate touching of a child or young person. This can include using a racket to touch the person on the bottom or any part of the body, hugging or any other physical contact. Children and young people are not always confident to say that these actions are unwanted and/or inappropriate.
- Causing an individual to lose self-esteem by embarrassing, humiliating or undermining the individual.
- Giving gifts without parental permission/knowledge.

Notes:

1. A 'young person' is defined as anyone under 18 years of age.
2. The above relates to actions within any area of the club, including the lounge/bar, changing rooms.
3. This list is not exhaustive, but the safety and welfare of children and young people is paramount.

It is everyone's responsibility, not only to act appropriately, but also to report any potential safeguarding concerns they witness. Any concerns must be reported as soon as possible to one of the three Welfare Officers at the Club. Please see notices around the club for the Welfare Officers' contact details.

(above sent to all club members by email on 27/9/2023)