



Branston Pickleball Club Welfare Policy

Including Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults

Version 1.0

1.1 Policy Purpose

The Club is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members and participants to enjoy pickleball. We accept our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people, and adults at risk, and to protect them from harm (arising from poor practice, bullying, discrimination, and abuse). The Club will abide and follow the Pickleball England Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Link to Pickleball England policy:

[Safeguarding and protecting Young People - Pickleball England](#)

The PBE policy sets out what Branston Pickleball Club the Club's approach to safeguarding children and young people (under 18 years) and vulnerable adults, in accordance with the Club Constitution and the policies of Pickleball England. It applies to all individuals involved in Branston Pickleball Club whether paid or in a voluntary capacity, including coaches, committee members, and volunteers.

1.2 Safeguarding Lead & Reporting Concerns

The Welfare & Equality Officer (as defined in Constitution Clause 8.1) shall act as the Club's Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and will be the first point of contact for all welfare and safeguarding concerns. Details of the nominated Officer(s) are contained in the Appendix to this Policy.

In the absence of the Welfare & Equality Officer, concerns should be reported to the Chairperson or Secretary, who will take appropriate action.

Concerns must be taken seriously and reported immediately, following the 4 Rs: Recognise, Respond, Report, Record.

If the concern involves the DSO, please contact Pickleball England's safeguarding team by emailing safeguarding@pickleballengland.org



Appendix 1 - Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO)

The Club has appointed a Welfare Officer (DSO) who is the first point of contact for any concerns:

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Appendix 2 - Version control and review cycle

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