

Heaton Sports Club Child Protection Policy Statement

Good Practice at Heaton Sports Club

Heaton Sports Club aims to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all juniors under the age of 18 who wish to play cricket at the club.

The club condemns without exception the abuse of any substance on club premises or whilst engaged on club activities and the police will be informed whenever illegal substances are involved.

The club emphasises that young people have the right to be safe secure and free from threat.

The club acknowledges that junior members have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be acted upon.

The club will ensure that junior members have specific programmes and facilities designated for them with adequate supervision.

The club has procedures in place to help any young person who requests help and support on a confidential basis in issues relating to Child Protection and adheres to the ECB Complaints and Disciplinary procedure.

The club will ensure that any club members, coaches and volunteers working with young people are aware of and apply the E.C.B. 'Safe Hands' Policy for the Welfare of Young People and are either C.R.B. cleared or have signed the Club Self Declaration Form relating to Child Protection.

The club may use photographic equipment to assist in the promotion and training of junior cricket.

The club are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our children so they can train, and play, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our club. Bullying is the use of aggression with the intent of hurting another person. Bullying results in pain and distress to the victim, if bullying does occur, all children should be able to tell, and know, incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a telling club this means anyone who knows bullying is happening is expected to tell staff and officials.

The club has an adult member who is specifically responsible for the overall coordination of Junior Cricket at Heaton Sports Club.

The Club Welfare Officer will act as a first point of contact for any person who has concerns about child welfare and protection at Heaton Sports Club.