

Guildford Tchoukball Club

Safeguarding Policy (Under 18s) – 2025

Guildford Tchoukball Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people, and adults at risk. We are committed to ensuring our safeguarding practices reflect statutory responsibilities, updated government guidance, and best practice standards in line with Tchoukball UK requirements. A copy of the club's full safeguarding policy is available at: <https://www.guildford-tchoukball.co.uk/club-governance>

Our safeguarding policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances. We aim to ensure that, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, or socio-economic background, all participants:

- Have a positive, safe, and enjoyable experience of tchoukball within an inclusive environment.
- Are protected from all forms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation while participating in tchoukball.

Guildford Tchoukball Club acknowledge that some individuals—such as disabled participants, those from minority ethnic backgrounds, or those with additional vulnerabilities—may face greater safeguarding risks. We commit to taking proactive, reasonable, and appropriate steps to ensure their safety and well-being.

As part of our safeguarding policy, Guildford Tchoukball Club will:

- Promote and prioritise the safety and welfare of all children and adults at risk.
- Ensure that everyone involved understands their safeguarding responsibilities and has access to regular, role-appropriate safeguarding training.
- Maintain a culture where concerns can be raised without fear of victimisation, ensuring they are listened to, taken seriously, and acted upon promptly.
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to safeguarding concerns, supporting all parties involved and liaising with statutory agencies where necessary.
- Keep accurate, detailed, and secure records of all safeguarding concerns in line with data protection legislation.
- Follow safe recruitment procedures to prevent the involvement of unsuitable individuals in any club role.

- Regularly review and strengthen safeguarding arrangements in line with evolving best practice and regulatory requirements.

Welfare Contacts

Our designated safeguarding leads are:

- **Welfare Officer:** Joshua Williams
- **Deputy Welfare Officer:** Tara Granea

They can be contacted via the “Contact Us” section on the Guildford Tchoukball Club website.

Whistleblowing

If you feel unable to raise a safeguarding concern with the Welfare Officer or Deputy Welfare Officer, you may contact:

- **Tchoukball UK Safeguarding Team:** <https://www.tchoukball.org.uk/contact-us/>
- **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)** – contact details available via your local council
- **NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if there are:

- Changes in legislation or statutory safeguarding guidance.
- Recommendations from safeguarding reviews or audits.
- Significant incidents or changes in club operations that affect safeguarding arrangements.

Approved by Club Committee Chair: _____

Date: _____ (2025)