

# South East Staffordshire Junior Hockey Development Centre

## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

SE Staffs JDC has adopted the child protection policy of, and operates within the guidelines recommended by, English Hockey Ltd and Sports England. All volunteers, coaches and officials working with young people are familiar with these guidelines.

- ❖ If any member of the club or any parent/guardian of a Junior Member suspects that a child is being or has been abused, that person is requested, in the first instance, to inform the Club's Protection Officer in strictest confidence.
- ❖ If any Member of the Club feels that they have been abused, they should contact the Clubs Child Protection Officer to discuss the matter in strictest confidence.
- ❖ The Child Protection Officer shall then take the appropriate steps to resolve the matter. The Child Protection Officer shall be entitled to call a meeting of the Club's Management Committee.
- ❖ The Committee is empowered to take whatever sanctions are deemed necessary to ensure the complaint is dealt with properly. These sanctions shall include the expulsion of the offender from the club.

Club Child Protection team is:-

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- ❖ has therefore adopted this Child Protection Policy to ensure that the welfare and safety of children in is always the primary consideration.
- ❖ is committed to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from harassment.
- ❖ accepts the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures, to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their well being and protect them from abuse.
- ❖ Will respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- ❖ Respects and promotes the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and disabled adults.
- ❖ Will ensure that all employees, volunteers and members will adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, themselves against false allegations.