



# Pudsey Saint Lawrence Cricket Club

## Pudsey Saint Lawrence Cricket Club (PSLCC)

### Safeguarding Policy Statement

PSLCC is committed to ensuring that everyone who participates in cricket does so in a *safe, friendly, secure and enjoyable environment*.

The club recognises that *safeguarding and protecting children is the responsibility of everyone involved in cricket*, including committee members, coaches, volunteers, players, parents and spectators.

PSLCC adopts and follows the policies and guidance issued by the *England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)*, including the ***Safe Hands – Cricket's Safeguarding Policy***.

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## Our Commitment

PSLCC will safeguard children and young people in cricket by:

- Providing a *safe, welcoming and inclusive environment* for all participants.
  - Ensuring the *welfare of children is always the primary consideration*.
  - Promoting a culture where *respect, fairness and positive behaviour* are expected.
  - Ensuring all participants are treated equally regardless of gender, race, disability, religion, sexual orientation or background.
  - Encouraging children and young people to have a *voice in the club and feel able to raise concerns*.
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## Safeguarding Responsibilities

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone at the club.

However, PSLCC will appoint a *Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)* who will:

- Be the *first point of contact* for children, parents, volunteers and club members regarding safeguarding concerns.

- Provide safeguarding advice and guidance to the club committee and members.
- Act as the main contact with the *ECB Safeguarding Team and County Safeguarding Officer*.
- Ensure correct reporting procedures are followed when safeguarding concerns arise.

Contact details for the Club Safeguarding Officer will be displayed at the club and on the club website.

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## Safer Recruitment and Training

PSLCC will ensure that all individuals working with children:

- Are recruited following *ECB safer recruitment guidelines*.
  - Complete the *appropriate DBS checks where required*.
  - Complete the *ECB Safeguarding training relevant to their role*.
  - Understand and follow the club's *codes of conduct and safeguarding procedures*.
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## Creating a Safe Cricket Environment

PSLCC will promote safe participation in cricket by:

- Adopting clear *codes of conduct* for players, parents, coaches and members.
  - Ensuring appropriate *supervision of children during training, matches and club activities*.
  - Promoting good practice when working with young players.
  - Ensuring appropriate *risk assessments and safety measures* are in place.
  - Providing guidance on issues such as *changing facilities, transport and online communication*.
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## Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

All safeguarding concerns will be taken *seriously and handled promptly and appropriately*.

If anyone has concerns about the welfare of a child they should:

1. Speak to the *Club Safeguarding Officer* as soon as possible.
2. If necessary, the concern will be referred to the *ECB Safeguarding Team, County Safeguarding Officer or appropriate external agencies*.
3. In an emergency, contact *the police or emergency services immediately*.

Information relating to safeguarding concerns will be handled *confidentially and only shared with those who need to know* to protect children.

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## Safeguarding Culture

PSLCC is committed to creating a positive culture where:

- Children feel *safe, valued and listened to*.
  - Parents and carers are *actively involved in supporting safeguarding*.
  - Volunteers and coaches are *supported through education and training*.
  - Concerns can be raised *without fear of blame or negative consequences*.
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## Policy Review

This safeguarding policy will be *reviewed regularly* by the club committee and updated in line with *ECB guidance and legislation*.

## Club Safeguarding Officer Contact Details

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