GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

Safe, welcoming and inclusive cricket for everyone

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Policy owner	Club Safeguarding Officer	**Status**	Version 1 /approved via Committee 08/09/26

1. Policy Statement

Goatacre Cricket Club is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, welcoming, positive and inclusive environment for all children and adults at risk who participate in cricket and club activities.

The Club recognises that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and is committed to ensuring that all participants can enjoy cricket free from abuse, neglect, bullying, harassment, discrimination, exploitation and poor practice. The welfare of children and adults at risk is paramount and takes precedence over all other considerations.

Goatacre Cricket Club adopts and supports:

- ECB Safe Hands Policy
- ECB Safeguarding Regulations
- ECB Safeguarding Strategy 2025-2028
- ECB Anti-Discrimination Code
- Relevant ECB safeguarding guidance and procedures

The Club will comply with all applicable safeguarding legislation and regulatory requirements.

2. Our Commitment

Goatacre Cricket Club will:

- Provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all participants.
- Promote the welfare and wellbeing of children and adults at risk.
- Treat all individuals fairly, with dignity and respect.
- Promote positive behaviour and challenge poor practice.
- Ensure safeguarding concerns are taken seriously and managed appropriately.
- Encourage a culture where concerns can be raised without fear of reprisal.
- Work in partnership with parents, carers, volunteers, Wiltshire Cricket, the ECB and statutory agencies where appropriate.

3. Governance and Accountability

The Club Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that appropriate safeguarding policies, procedures and practices are implemented, maintained and regularly reviewed throughout the Club.

The Club will:

- Appoint a suitably trained Club Safeguarding Officer.
- Maintain safeguarding as a standing committee agenda item.
- Review safeguarding arrangements annually.

- Ensure safeguarding responsibilities are understood by all officers, volunteers and coaches.
- Maintain safeguarding records securely and confidentially.
- Promote a culture where safeguarding is embedded in all club activities.

The Club Safeguarding Officer will provide an annual safeguarding report to the Committee covering safeguarding activity and concerns, training compliance, DBS compliance, policy reviews, safeguarding risks and recommendations, where appropriate and in accordance with confidentiality requirements.

4. Safer Recruitment and Workforce Management

Goatacre Cricket Club will apply ECB Safer Recruitment requirements and take reasonable steps to ensure that those working with children and adults at risk are suitable to do so.

This includes:

- Role assessment and safer recruitment processes.
- DBS eligibility checks where required.
- Safeguarding training and education.
- Appropriate induction arrangements.
- Verification of coaching qualifications.
- Ongoing monitoring of suitability and conduct.

5. Creating a Safe Cricket Environment

The Club will:

- Promote safe and inclusive cricket environments.
- Maintain appropriate supervision arrangements for junior cricket.
- Follow ECB guidance regarding social media, online communication, photography, video recording and live streaming.
- Promote respectful behaviour and challenge bullying, discrimination and harassment.
- Ensure facilities are suitable, safe and appropriately managed.
- Take reasonable steps to identify and manage risks associated with club activities.

6. Reporting, Recording and Managing Concerns

Goatacre Cricket Club is committed to ensuring safeguarding concerns are dealt with promptly, appropriately and confidentially.

The Club will:

- Encourage individuals to raise safeguarding concerns.
- Respond to, record, report and, where necessary, escalate safeguarding concerns in accordance with ECB safeguarding requirements and statutory guidance.
- Ensure concerns are recorded accurately and retained appropriately.
- Cooperate with the ECB, Wiltshire Cricket, statutory agencies and law enforcement where necessary.
- Support individuals affected by safeguarding concerns where appropriate.

The Club will also encourage the reporting of low-level concerns relating to conduct, boundaries or behaviour and will address such matters proportionately and appropriately.

7. Responsibilities of Members and Others

All members, players, coaches, volunteers, parents, carers and visitors are expected to:

- Follow Club policies and Codes of Conduct.
- Promote safe and positive behaviour.

- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour where safe to do so.
- Report concerns regarding the welfare or safety of any individual.
- Cooperate with safeguarding enquiries and investigations when required.

All participants share responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe environment.

8. Information Sharing and Data Protection

Safeguarding information will be processed, stored and shared appropriately and only where necessary, in accordance with safeguarding obligations and applicable data protection legislation, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Club recognises that safeguarding concerns may require information to be shared with relevant safeguarding authorities in order to protect children and adults at risk.

9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Goatacre Cricket Club is committed to providing an environment where everyone is treated fairly and with respect.

The Club does not tolerate discrimination, bullying, harassment, abuse or victimisation on any grounds and supports the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion throughout all Club activities.

10. Reporting a Concern

CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICER	EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
Samantha Badminton Telephone: 07714 571495	**Call 999 immediately** Then notify the Club Safeguarding Officer as soon as practicable.

Safeguarding concerns may also be raised with:

- Wiltshire Cricket Safeguarding Team.
- ECB Safeguarding Team.
- Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk.

11. Monitoring and Review

This Policy Statement will be reviewed annually, or sooner if required by:

- Changes to legislation.
- ECB Safeguarding Regulations.
- ECB safeguarding guidance.
- Safeguarding incidents or identified risks.
- Changes in Club activities or governance arrangements.

The Committee will formally approve all revisions.

Approval

Role	Name	Signature	Date

Chairman	John Wilkins	John Wilins	8/9/26
Club Safeguarding Officer	Samantha Badminton	Samantha Badminton	8/9/26
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Related Policies

- Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding Reporting Procedure
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Safer Recruitment Procedure
- Social Media Policy
- Live Streaming Policy
- Transport Policy
- ECB Anti-Discrimination Policy

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Together we can ensure that cricket remains safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

Reference Framework

This statement should be read alongside the latest versions of the ECB Safe Hands Policy, ECB Safeguarding Regulations and ECB Safeguarding Kit Bag resources. The Club should check these sources at each annual review:

- www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/kit-bag-resources
- www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding