



Galloway Cricket Club

Child Protection Policy

When taking part in activities with young cricketers all members should:

- Make cricket fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Treat all children equally, with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Involve parents/carers wherever possible.
- Build balanced relationships based on mutual trust.
- Include children in the decision making process wherever possible.
- Work with children in an open environment, wherever possible.
- Put the welfare of each child first, before winning or achieving performance goals.
- Be an excellent role model, including not smoking or drinking alcohol in the company of children.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism.
- Recognise the developmental needs and capacity of children.
- Avoid excessive pressure, training or competition and pushing children against their will.

Practices to be avoided

- Unequal treatment such as having 'favourites' that could lead to resentment, jealousy and misinterpretation.
- Spending avoidable, excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others.
- Entering children's bedrooms on trips away from home, unless in an emergency situation or in the interest of health and safety.
- Where possible and unless otherwise agreed with parents or carers in advance, doing things of a personal nature for children that they can do for themselves, such as assisting with bathing or dressing.

Unacceptable behaviour in the presence of young players

- Engaging in sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Engaging in rough or physical contact (unless it is permitted within the rules of the game or competition).
- Forming intimate emotional, physical or sexual relationships with children.
- Allowing or engaging in touching a child in a sexually suggestive manner.
- Allowing children to swear or use sexualised language unchallenged.
- Making sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.
- Reducing a child to tears as a form of control.
- Allowing allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Inviting or allowing children to stay with you at your home.
- A Coach and/or other leader sharing a bedroom alone with a child.