



# SAFEGUARDING POLICY

## Strategic Safeguarding Statement

**Pétanque England** (PE) is committed to promoting the safety and welfare of juniors and vulnerable adults engaged in the sport. It aims to protect juniors and vulnerable adults by:

- Implementing the PE Safeguarding Practice and Procedures which have been drafted, taking into account the requirements of the Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport<sup>1</sup>.
- Implementing and demonstrating best safeguarding practice, when coaches, volunteers or others are providing services, activities and programmes for juniors and vulnerable adults
- Requiring those individuals or organisations that are funded or commissioned to provide any service for juniors and vulnerable adults, to effectively address safeguarding requirements.
- Implementing guidelines in the use of photography at all PE events, and the responsible use of social media.

## Policy Statement

Pétanque England will:

- Provide a duty of care for juniors and vulnerable adults accessing its activities and implement procedures to safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes, self-worth and feelings of all juniors and vulnerable adults accessing sport as well as the wider participation through partnership events.

- Promulgate on the Pétanque England website, the PE Facebook page, and competition flyers prior to the event, that photographs will be taken, giving juniors/parents/guardians the opportunity to decline **before** the event.
- Do our best to accommodate members' needs regarding photos/social media, but if we cannot, then it may necessary for them to rethink participation in the event.
- Bring awareness to the use of social media, and remove any posting of photographs, on request, within 24 hours or sooner.
- Keep updated the Directors, Coaches and volunteers on the best practice to safeguard and protect young people and vulnerable adults from abuse, and themselves from false allegations.
- Require coaches, officers, and all members, including volunteers, to adopt and abide by the PE Member's Code of Conduct, and also, if a coach, the Coaching Code of Conduct.
- Respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate Disciplinary Policies and Procedures.
- Appoint a Safeguarding Officer who will assist all Regions in the implementation of this policy and provide advice and guidance. Any concerns should be reported to the Regional President, the appointed Regional Safeguarding Officer and the Pétanque England (PE) Safeguarding Officer, immediately.
- Keep updated with Safeguarding issues and undergo training, if necessary.

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1 CPSU, 2002 - The Child Protection in Sport Unit (**CPSU**) is a partnership between the NSPCC, Sport England, Sport Northern Ireland and Sport Wales.