

Redditch Hockey Club



Child Protection Policy

Redditch Hockey Club and their national governing body, England Hockey, believe the following.

- Safety and welfare of children must always be of paramount importance, whatever the circumstances.
- Everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare; particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse of any kind.
- Special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or ability makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.
- A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.

Redditch Hockey Club and their national governing body, England Hockey, have adopted this Child Protection Policy to ensure we create and maintain the safest possible environment for children and young people.

We do this by:

- Ensuring that all volunteers' committee members and coaches are carefully selected and accept responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of children in their care.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse and providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- Appointing a Child Protection Officer who will take responsibility for child protection and act as a main point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies.
- Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer or the appropriate external authorities.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection Policy and activities annually.

The England Hockey Child Welfare Pack is available from our Junior Development Officer and can also be found on our web site

www.redditchhc.co.uk