



Sandy Cove tennis and Squash Club – Child Safeguarding Policy

Adult Supervision of Children's Activities

Sandy Cove Tennis & Squash Club is proud of the welcome and support given to its junior members of all ages. The Club encourages all members to make full use of its facilities as often as possible.

As part of its obligations to safeguard children, the Club sets out in this document the details of adequate adult supervision of junior members provided by the Club.

The Club will ensure that all children's activities organized by the Club will be adequately supervised by adults. Good practice dictates that more than one adult is present to supervise these activities. This will help to ensure the safety of the children as well as protect adults. In this regard the Club will be guided by the recommendations contained in the safeguarding guide for children and young people in sport. The Club will aim for all club-organized activities to be supervised, where possible, by one male and one female adult.

Adult supervisors will ensure that they are not left alone with young participants. If an adult needs to talk separately to a child this will be done in an open environment, in view of others.

Leaders and adult supervisors should not be left alone with young people at the end of any activity. Start and finish times for coaching, training and/or other activities will be clearly stated. Parents are requested to collect their children as punctually from the court or the clubhouse. If the child is to make their way off the premises themselves the parent must be confident that they are old enough to do so. If late collections occur, leaders/supervisors should remain in pairs until all participants have left. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make arrangements for the timely collection of young people in their charge. Persistent late collection may require alternative arrangements to be put in place.

If a parent is unavoidably delayed they should contact the Club or one of the coaches whose contact numbers will be provided to parents at the beginning of the year. If no contact is made with the Club/coach, attempts will be made to contact the parent using the contact number(s) provided by them. If there is no answer they will ask the child if there is another family member whom they can contact. If no contact can still be made, the supervisor or coach (depending on the nature of the activity) plus another adult where possible will wait with the child at the Club or venue until the child has been collected by a parent or other adult nominated by the parent.

Children attending Club-organised coaching should let their coach know when they have arrived at the club. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children do this. When they are finished their coaching session and are leaving with the adult nominated to collect them, they (or the adult) should inform the coach that they are leaving.

If a child suffers an injury or accident, the parents/guardians will be informed and an Accident Report Form will be completed.

Records of any incidents or accidents that occur will be kept by the Club.

The Club welcomes and indeed encourages parents who wish to stay and supervise, (for safety and supervision purposes)

Parents should note that adequate adult supervision as described above is provided only at the following times: -

- During your child's allocated coaching period as part of the Club's Junior Coaching Programme (by the coaching staff).
- During any of the internal junior activities organized and run by the Junior Committee of the Club.
- During any of the closed Club tournaments run by the Club.

Arrangements for supervision during home or away matches etc. are outlined in the Travel & Hosting Policy.

We wish to make it clear that while there may be adults present in the Club premises at other times, the Club does not regard their presence as the provision of adequate adult supervision and it is not responsible for the safety and protection of your child outside of the specific activities listed above.

While the Club takes every reasonable measure to ensure the safety and protection of all its members including Junior members while they are on the premises such measures do not extend to the provision of adequate adult supervision other than for the activities listed above.

In that regard it is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure that their child is adequately supervised at all other times that they are on the Club premises (including times when the child is receiving private coaching organised by the child's parents).

The parents, guardians of all children taking part in any of the activities organized by the Club will be required to abide by the parents Code of Conduct.