



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Agreed by ManCom.....July 9th 2013

Note 1 – Safeguarding Policies 1-5 (referred to below) were originally issued to all clubs in September 2009 under the heading of “Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy”.

Note 2 – Safeguarding Officers were formerly known as Child Protection Officers

The Association believe that every member has a duty of care towards children and other vulnerable people with whom they have contact and a responsibility to safeguard and protect them against abuse. It recognises its function to adopt and promote procedures that encourage members to adopt the highest possible standards of care towards children and other vulnerable adults participating in the game of short mat bowls.

In pursuit of these ideals...

It will ensure that the following Officers have an in date CRB Enhanced clearance.

- Junior Coordinator
- Competition Secretary
- County team Captains and vice-captains

It recommends that all member clubs

- display a copy of the “Notice of Policy” within their clubs (issued as Safeguarding Policy 1)
- incorporate standard wording in their club constitutions (as defined in Safeguarding Policy 2)
- appoint a club Safeguarding Officer and arrange for such a person to be CRB checked (as defined in Safeguarding Policy 3)
- is aware of the guidelines issued by the ESMBA regarding “Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults”.

It is mandatory that any club registering children and/or vulnerable adults

- appoints a Safeguarding Officer who has an in-date Enhanced CRB clearance.
- obtains a fully completed Parent/Carers Consent form (issued as Safeguarding Policy 5) in respect of all member under 18 years old and returns a newly completed copy to the NYSMBA Membership Secretary annually at the time of registration.
- ensures that a nominated Safeguarding Officer is in attendance at any event that has children or vulnerable adults taking part (unless attended by the parent/carer).