



Monkstone Pétanque Club

Safeguarding Policy

v 2.0 - April 2025



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1. Related Documents

1.1. The following documents issued by the Welsh Pétanque Association (“WPA”) and available on their website shall form part of this Policy Document

1.1.1. Safeguarding Adults Policy wpa/006/21 v2.0

1.1.2. Safeguarding Children Policy wpa/004/21 v2.0

or such later versions or revisions as may be published from time to time by the WPA

2. Overall Aims

2.1. It is the firm intention of the Monkstone Pétanque Club (“the Club”) that the Club provides a safe environment for members and guests of any age, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, creed or ability.

2.2. The Club will proactively identify, manage and/or eliminate any risks of harm for young and vulnerable people.

2.3. The Club will ensure that any incidents or concerns of abuse or harm that are brought to their attention are fully investigated and acted upon. Appropriate confidential records will be kept of all decisions and actions taken.

3. Safeguarding Officers and Role

3.1. The Club will appoint two people (at least one of whom is on the committee) as Safeguarding Officers to take responsibility for all aspects of safeguarding in respect of Juniors and Vulnerable Adults at the Club.

3.2. Contact information of the Club’s safeguarding responsible officers will be posted on the website and be accessible to all club members, parents, guardians and other relevant parties.

3.3. The Safeguarding Officers will be responsible for taking any actions deemed necessary to ensure the safety of young people or vulnerable adults. Including consulting with the WPA and appropriate safeguarding authorities about any serious concerns raised. Including making formal referrals as required.

3.4. The Safeguarding Officers will be responsible for regularly reviewing and managing any identified or emerging safeguarding risks.

3.5. The Safeguarding Officers will actively identify training and awareness raising opportunities which help protect the interests of young and vulnerable people.



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4. Young people - Juniors in the Club

- 4.1. The Club adopts the recognised age groups as set out by the WPA, meaning a young person who is under the age of 18 on the 31 December in the calendar year is a Junior. The club will develop with young people, opportunities and policies which support them to become as active as possible within the Club.
- 4.2. Young people attending occasional events at the Club (without a parent or guardian present) will be required to provide relevant contact information, details of any specific health requirements or treatments and consent to act in the young person's best interest in the absence of a parent or guardian.
- 4.3. Juniors (who wish to play regularly) must join the Club, which membership is conditional on joining the WPA who provide our insurance whilst playing. Applications from a Junior to join the Club must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- 4.4. When a Junior is present at the Club and taking part in Junior sessions a member who possesses an Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) certificate, together with at least one other adult, will be present to oversee those activities. In the absence of such a member(s) the parent, a guardian or a responsible person nominated in agreement with the parent or guardian must remain throughout.
- 4.5. If a Junior participates in competitions or training sessions arranged away from the Club, he/she must be accompanied by a parent grandparent, a guardian or a Club member who has been DBS checked and has agreed to act as the responsible person for that young person.

5. Vulnerable Adults and the Provision of Support

- 5.1. Adults members (who are deemed vulnerable) will be supported to actively participate within the activities of the Club.
- 5.2. When a vulnerable adult has support staff who act as appropriate adults or advocates, these individuals will be consulted to ensure that the right type and level of support is provided to meet that person's specific needs

6. Monitoring and Reviewing

- 6.1. The Executive Committee shall review the effectiveness of the policy on an annual basis and overall content at least every 3 years.

Reviewed by Executive Committee: June 2025

Next Overall Review Date: June 2028

