

MID SUSSEX HOCKEY CLUB

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT



Mid Sussex Hockey Club adopts England Hockey's Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy (Safe D), Procedures and Guidance to ensure all those in the hockey family have a safe and positive experience.

These EH documents can be viewed by club members, young people (U18s) and parents/carers on the EH website or by following the links on Information/Documents page of midsussexhockey.co.uk.

Club coaches, captains and officials working with young people must be familiar with these guidelines and are screened in accordance with EH guidelines to check their suitability to work with young people. Other club volunteers, young people and parents who may help on an occasional basis are not required to undertake this screening check and will therefore be assisting under the direct supervision of those who have.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the club Welfare Officer (see Contacts page on midsussexhockey.co.uk).

Those working with young people at MSHC should always:

- Put the welfare of the young person first – before winning or achieving goals.
- Treat all young players equally, with respect and dignity.
- Make hockey fun and enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Build a balanced and open environment to empower the players and involve their parents/carers.
- Keep coaching skills, qualifications and insurance up to date.
- Make parents/carers the point of contact when communicating electronically/telephonically with U18s (e.g. for all individual communications; and use also use parent's email details for any general communication, e.g. match availability requests via apps, etc)
- Be an excellent role model.
- Follow EH policies and best practice guidelines
- Report any safeguarding concerns in accordance with EH guidelines.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism.
- Recognise the development needs and capabilities of young players.