

# Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Association

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

All children have a right to have fun and be safe in the activities they choose and parents, guardians or carers should be able to have confidence that this Association of Table Tennis Clubs, to which they entrust their children, will look after them. The Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Association (BDTTA) has a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of each child that is registered with the Association. It also has a responsibility to ensure, as best as it is able, that coaches, officials and volunteers within the Association, who have regular contact with children have, as a priority, a duty of care for those children.

### 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Policy is to document procedures and policies which have been adopted by the BDTTA and to define the roles of those officers with particular responsibility for young people within its organisation. The aim of the Policy is to ensure that all BDTTA members are fully aware with regard to child protection. To safeguard and promote the interests and well being of children within its membership. To respond appropriately to all concerns. To take all reasonable and practical steps to protect children from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment. To respect and promote children's rights, wishes and feelings. To make informed and confident responses to child protection issues.

### 3. PROVISION.

Notwithstanding the contents of this Policy, the Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Association accepts and concurs with the Child Protection Policy and Guidelines prepared by the English Table Tennis Association Ltd. (ETTA) in association with Sport England.

Sponsored by Gordon White – Child Welfare Officer

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Approved on behalf of the BDTTA

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### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT OF INTENT

1. The BDTTA accepts that as an organisation dealing with children through coaching and competition, it has both a moral and legal obligation to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided. It accepts that all children, whatever their age, culture, gender, disability, racial origin or religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse. The welfare of all children is paramount.
2. The BDTTA confirms that it will meet its obligations and responsibilities by implementing its Child Protection Policy and procedures throughout the sport.
3. The BDTTA will take seriously and respond swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions and allegations of abuse, in accordance with these procedures and those of the Local Child Protection Committee and of the English Table Tennis Association. The BDTTA will implement the appropriate disciplinary procedures as necessary.
4. The BDTTA will recruit, supervise and train all coaches and other officials involved with young people, registered with them in the sport, to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse and themselves against false allegations.
5. The BDTTA requires that all coaches and other officials involved with young people, registered with them in the sport, to adopt and abide by this organisations code of practice and conduct and child protection policy and procedures.
6. The BDTTA will appoint and maintain the position of a Child Welfare Officer who will collate and store securely all information relevant to young persons within his or her care and will be the first Point of Contact for all suspicions and allegations of abuse, which are defined as being Abuse through Neglect, Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Emotional Abuse.
7. The BDTTA will ensure that confidentiality is maintained for all concerned at all times.