



Safeguarding Policy

Gosport, Fareham & District Mixed Triples League ('the League') has considered its responsibilities to the young people and vulnerable adults ('adults-at-risk') participating in bowls at premises and in matches within the League's jurisdiction.

The League affiliates to Bowls England, as our National Governing Body, and **the League has adopted the Bowls England Safeguarding Policies** and underpinning procedures to set out and support the standards we wish to uphold in safeguarding the welfare of young people and adults-at-risk to whom we have a duty of care.

1. Policy Statement

The League acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all young people (defined as those under 18) and of adults-at-risk involved in bowls within the League's jurisdiction. All young people and adults-at-risk have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.

The League will therefore endeavour to ensure the safety and protection of all young people and adults-at-risk involved with the League through the Bowls England Safeguarding policies and guidelines. It is the responsibility of all adults within the League's Clubs to assist the League's Executive Committee in this.

2. Policy Aims

- To provide young people and adults-at-risk with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the League and also help them to enjoy their experience of the sport of bowls.
- To provide reassurance to parents/guardians, and to those responsible for an adult-at-risk, that their children as young persons and adults-at-risk will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the League's jurisdiction.
- To provide support to the League's clubs, and to their members and volunteers, when participating in matches under the League's jurisdiction, to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection and adult-at-risk issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

3. Policy Visibility

The detailed safeguarding policies, and accompanying procedures/forms, are held on the websites of [Bowls England](#) and their Safeguarding partner, Bowls Development Alliance.
