

Isis Cricket Club 2021

Safeguarding Officer's Report for the A.G.M. 09.11.21

Isis CC continues to comply with E.C.B. guidelines (which are based upon current legislation) for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people and consults with Oxfordshire CCC when appropriate.

In the 2021 season the number of players categorised as children (Under 18 years) was restricted to two players. There were no net sessions due to the effects of the pandemic.

The details of the club Safeguarding Policy are shown on the Isis CC website (see the Constitution) and in addition the following steps were taken:

- Isis CC changed the title of Welfare Officer to Safeguarding Officer, as recommended by the ECB.
- Keith Ponsford, as Safeguarding Officer, continued to have ultimate responsibility within the club for dealing with safeguarding issues, which included assessing risk and possibly liaising with the appropriate authorities such as the ECB Welfare Officer, the police and social services.
- Keith Whiter, Nick Wyatt and Keith Ponsford are 'Safe Hands' trained and in consequence a trained club representative was present at most games.
- Keith Ponsford is the DBS verifier for Isis CC. Keith Whiter, Nick Watt and Mo Navqi have current DBS accreditation within Isis CC. Members who wish to have DBS accreditation through the club should contact Keith Ponsford by January 1st 2022, when another accreditation cycle will begin.
- The season passed without any reported incidents.
- A risk assessment for mixed-age teams was agreed by the committee.
- A copy of relevant safeguarding documents is now kept in the club bag for reference when required.
- The committee receives a Safeguarding report at every committee meeting, where Safeguarding is a fixed agenda item.
- Information concerning forthcoming Safe Hands training by Oxfordshire Cricket will be made available to members when available, with training usually taking place early in the new year prior to the new season.
- An internal audit of Safeguarding policy and practice by Isis CC, based upon ECB guidance, took place prior to the 2021 season and was agreed by the committee. Oxfordshire Cricket informed us that they did not undertake external audits because of workload capacity and that this would also apply to clubs.
- Keith Whiter and Joe Walter attended a First Aid course, sponsored by the Isis CC.

The club has trained officers but ultimately the responsibility for safeguarding rests with all members and others involved with the club. Safeguarding qualifications need renewing after three years but DBS cover is a process that is now automatically renewed, providing there are no problems.

If anyone in the club has any concerns about the welfare of children and the vulnerable in the club, either individually or collectively, then one of the officers should be contacted immediately.