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STEWARTON TENNIS CLUB

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

- Stewarton Tennis Club aims to create a friendly and healthy environment for all juniors who wish to take part in tennis and social activities at the Club.
- The Club aims to ensure that young people at the Club's premises are safe, secure and free from threat.
- The Club acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.
- The Club will ensure that junior members have specific programmes and facilities designated for them, with adequate supervision.
- The Club will ensure that all coaches hold the appropriate coaching Licences and are CRB checked.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

If you a junior and you feel you, or someone around you, are being treated in a way which is unacceptable, then you have a right to complain, and to have your problem addressed.

Such complaints might be bullying, verbal and physical abuse, inappropriate behavior from anybody at the club.

You can contact the club's Child Protection Officer to talk about any problems.

This person is:

Sarah Barclay

T 01560 480408 / 07795 217612

If your problem is urgent or you feel you are in danger, you should contact the police emergency number.

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CLUB PRINCIPLES

At Stewarton Tennis Club we believe:

"Children have the right to be protected from all forms of violence; they must be kept safe from harm, and they must be given proper care by those looking after them " (Article 19 ; UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. Ireland and the UK have adopted and are committed to the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines fair play as:

"much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialism and corruption."

(European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe, 1993)

EQUALITY STATEMENT

We at Stewarton Tennis Club recognise that:

"All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, sex, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion. Children, irrespective of ability or disability should be involved in sports activities in an integrated and inclusive way, whenever possible, thus allowing them to participate to their full potential alongside other children"

(Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport 2000)

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

We at Stewarton Tennis Club recognise that the legal principle that the welfare of the child is paramount means that consideration of confidentiality should not be allowed to override the right of children to be protected from harm. Everyone in our organisation, including children, must be aware that they can never promise to keep secrets. However, information of a confidential nature will only be communicated on a 'need to know' basis.

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Standards set by STEWARTON Tennis Club will be achieved through ensuring the Club: -

- Adopt and implement the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport as an integral part of its policy on children in the Club
- Adopt and consistently apply a safe and clearly defined method of recruiting and selecting Sports Leaders
- Appoint / Reappoint at least one children's officer at the AGM, responsible for disclosure checks on all coaches and personnel working with children at the club.
- Ensure best practice throughout the club by issuing its code of conduct, including the Complaints, Disciplinary, and Appeals procedure in operation within the club to all its members. The club's code of conduct should also be posted in all facilities used by the club
- Ensure that relevant Sports Leaders report to the Club Management Committee on a regular basis.
- Develop effective procedures for responding to and recording accidents / incidents
- Ensure that all club members are given adequate notice of AGMs and other meetings
- Ensure that all minutes of all meetings (AGMs / EGMs / Committees) are recorded and safely filed.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Childline: 0800 1111

POLICE (EMERGENCY) 999

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICE CONTACT:

PC BRIAN LOVE:

Stewarton Area Centre

T: 01560 602 000

E: brian.love@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk

LTA Child Protection

T: 0208 487 7008/7116

M (24 hour): 07971 141 024

E: childprotection@lta.org.uk

www.LTA.org.uk/childprotection