

Isis Cricket Club 2021

Interim Safeguarding Officer's Report for the A.G.M. 15.11.22

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 and the ECB when appropriate.

In the 2022 season one player categorised as a child (Under 18 years) played for Isis CC.

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:

- Matt Stanbury was elected as Safeguarding Officer at the AGM 2021 and Safe Hands trained, which was sponsored by the club, thereby assuming responsibility 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 Ponsford took over the role of Safeguarding Officer on an interim basis during the 2021 season.
- In addition, Keith Whiter, Nick Wyatt and Keith Ponsford have been '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, Jonathan Ponsford, Luke Blatchford, Mo Navqi and Matt Stanbury and have current DBS accreditation within Isis CC. Other members have DBS status through other organisations. Members who wish to have DBS accreditation through the club should contact Keith Ponsford by January 1st 2023, when another accreditation cycle will begin.
- A copy of relevant safeguarding documents was kept in the club bag for reference when required and was checked during the season.
- The committee should receive a Safeguarding report at every committee meeting, where Safeguarding is a fixed agenda item.
- Those members interested in Safe Hands training by Oxfordshire Cricket should contact Keith Ponsford, with training taking place locally early in the new year and prior to the new season.
- An internal audit of Safeguarding policy and practice by Isis CC, based upon ECB guidance, will be undertaken before the 2023 season starts.
- Keith Whiter and Joe Walter currently have valid First Aid training, organised and sponsored through the club. Members wishing to take First Aid training should contact Keith Ponsford.

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 an officer should be contacted immediately.

Keith Ponsford , Interim Safeguarding Officer 15.11.22