

## 3.1.3 Child Protection Policy



**Clarkston Tennis Club** aims to create an enjoyable environment for all Junior (U18) players who wish to take part in tennis or other sport and social activities at the club.

We believe that children and young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat.

We believe that young people have the right to be treated with respect, and to have their concerns listened to and acted upon.

We will ensure that the club provides for the needs of junior members through specific programmes, designated facilities, and safe practice.

We have procedures in place to address poor practice, and to help any young person who appears to be at risk, or who appears to be the victim of abuse. We will offer help and support when a child or young person tells us that they are affected by these issues.

We will take steps to ensure that any club volunteers or professionals working with children are suitable to do so, through the use of references and background checks. We will ensure that all relevant people have been vetted and approved through the LTA Criminal Record Bureau disclosure process.

We will ensure that all of those working with children are made aware of the LTA code of conduct for people working with children in tennis, and are required to follow it.

The club will have an adult member who is specifically responsible for children, young people and child protection

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If you are 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: Iain Coventry (07825138967)

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

### **LTA Child Protection**

**T: 0208 487 7008/7116**

**M (24 hour): 07971 141 024**

**E: [childprotection@lta.org.uk](mailto:childprotection@lta.org.uk)**

**[www.LTA.org.uk/childprotection](http://www.LTA.org.uk/childprotection)**