



Junior & Vulnerable Members Protection Policy

1. Policy Statement

The English Pétanque Association and each of its affiliated County/Regions, Clubs and Leagues have a duty of care to safeguard all junior/vulnerable members involved in the sport, under their auspices, from harm. All members have a right to protection and the needs of juniors, disabled people and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The EPA will ensure the safety and protection of all such persons through adherence to these policy guidelines.

2. Policy Aims

The aim of the EPA Junior and Vulnerable Persons Policy is to safeguard all members

- Providing junior and vulnerable members with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the EPA or affiliates.
- Allow Coaches, Youth Development Officers and others with responsibility for junior/vulnerable members to make informed and confident responses to members “without prejudice” so long as they know they are being mindful of appropriate child protection issues.

3. Policy Administration

The EPA Management Committee will be responsible for the administration and implementation of the Association's policies and Procedures.

4. Disclosure

All Coaches, Youth development Officers and others acting for the Association with junior/vulnerable members are required to complete a confidential disclosure form for validation by the C.R.B.

5. Code of Conduct

The Association has a detailed guideline paper on this subject

6. Incident Reports

If any of the following occur during an organised event the member witnessing this should report this immediately to another colleague and record the incident on the standard form provided. That member should also ensure the individual's guardians/family members are informed:

1. If a player is accidentally hurt
2. If a player seems distressed in any manner
3. If a player appears sexually aroused by anyone's actions
4. If a player misunderstands or misinterprets something that has been said or done

7. Allegations or suspicions

The Association has a detailed procedure document on this issue.