

SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Strategic Safeguarding Statement

English Pétanque Association (EPA) is committed to promoting the safety and welfare of juniors and vulnerable adults engaged in the sport. It aims to protect juniors and vulnerable adults by:

- Implementing the EPA Safeguarding Practice and Procedures which have been drafted taking into account the requirements of the Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport¹.
- Implementing and demonstrating best safeguarding practice, when coaches, volunteers or others are providing services, activities and programmes for juniors and vulnerable adults
- Requiring those individuals or organisations that are funded or commissioned to provide any service for juniors and vulnerable adults, to effectively address safeguarding requirements.

Policy Statement

English Pétanque Association will:

- Provide a duty of care for juniors and vulnerable adults accessing its activities and implement procedures to safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes, self-worth and feelings of all juniors and vulnerable adults accessing sport as well as the wider participation through partnership events.
- Select, train and supervise its coaches, officers and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people and vulnerable adults from abuse, and themselves against false allegations.
- Require coaches, officers, and all members, including volunteers, to adopt and abide by the EPA Member's and Coaching Code of Conduct.
- Respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate Disciplinary Policies and Procedures.
- Appoint a Safeguarding Officer who will assist all Regions in the implementation of this policy and provide advice and guidance. Any concerns should be reported to the Regional President, the appointed Regional Safeguarding Officer and the English Petanque Association (EPA) Safeguarding Officer, immediately.

¹ CPSU, 2002 - The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) is a partnership between the NSPCC, Sport England, Sport Northern Ireland and Sport Wales.