



Halesowen Golf Club

Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

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Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy

Introduction

Everyone working with children and young people has a responsibility for keeping them safe, irrespective of their role, whether they are paid members of staff or volunteers. Halesowen Golf Club is committed to ensure that the sport of golf is one within which all participants can thrive in a safe environment and that all children and young people have an enjoyable and positive experience when playing golf.

Key principles

The welfare of children is paramount.
A child is defined by law in England and Wales as a person under the age of 18 years.

All children, regardless of their Age, Race, Religion or Belief, Disability, Gender identity or Sexual Orientation, have the right to protection from abuse.

All concerns and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

All children have the right to be safe.

All children have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

Halesowen Golf Club will work with children, their parents/carers and external organisations to safeguard the welfare of children participating in golf.

We recognise the authority of the statutory agencies and are committed to complying with Local Safeguarding Children Board Guidelines (LSCB), Working Together under the Children Act 2004, and any legislation and statutory guidance that supersedes these.

Halesowen Golf Club is committed to working in partnership with other key UK Golf Bodies to continually improve and to promote safeguarding initiatives across the sport.

Halesowen Golf Club owes a legal duty of care to children on their premises or engaged in their activities. That duty is to take reasonable care to ensure their reasonable safety and the duty is higher than it would be for adults.

Objectives

The overall aim of the policy is to ensure that everyone participating in the sport of golf does so in a safe environment that supports children and young people to meet their potential.

Halesowen Golf Club aims to:

Provide a safe environment for children and young people participating in golfing activities and try to ensure that they enjoy the experience.

Ensure robust systems are in place to manage any concerns or allegations.

Support adults (staff, volunteers, PGA Professionals, coaches, members and visitors) to understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to their duty of care and protection of children.

Provide appropriate level training, support and resources for staff, volunteers & coaches to make informed and confident responses to specific safeguarding issues and fulfill their role effectively.

Ensure that children and their parents/carers are informed and consulted and, where appropriate, fully involved in decisions that affect them.

Ensure that everyone involved in a role with children have been through appropriate pre-recruitment checks.

Responsibilities and implementation

Halesowen Golf Club will work with partner organisations to promote the principles of safeguarding children by:

Reviewing their policy and procedures every three years or whenever there is a major change in legislation. Guidance from England Golf will be sought as part of the review process.

Conducting a risk assessment of club activities with regard to safeguarding and take appropriate action to address the identified issues within suitable timescales.

Using appropriate recruitment procedures to assess the suitability of volunteers and staff working with children and young people in line with guidance from England Golf.

Following National Governing Body (NGB) procedures to report concerns and allegations about the behaviour of adults and ensuring that all staff, volunteers, parents and children are aware of these procedures.

Directing staff, volunteers & coaches to appropriate safeguarding training and learning opportunities, where this is appropriate to their role.

1. Recruitment and training

Halesowen Golf Club will endeavour to ensure that all volunteers and staff working with children and young people are appropriate and suitable to do so, and that they have all the information they require to undertake their job effectively and appropriately.

Each role which involves an element of responsibility with regard to children, particularly those involving the regular supervision of children, whether voluntary or paid, should be assessed by the recruiting body to establish which qualifications, checks and other requirements are necessary. These will include the following:

An application form

A self-disclosure form

References from 2 people

A signed Code of Conduct

A Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check on people involved in 'regulated activity' with children

Details of the requirements and the qualifications and checks of individuals will be recorded by the recruiting body who shall also hold copies of the necessary Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) certificates. The nominated person will possess all relevant and appropriate contact details of all staff / volunteers and other relevant bodies.

All staff, volunteers & coaches will be offered access to appropriate safeguarding training. Halesowen Golf Club recommends attendance at the UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) workshop and will ensure that all volunteers and staff who have significant contact with children attend.

Attendance at the training or the renewal: Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport eLearning course should be repeated every three years for those involved in "Regulated Activity."

All staff, volunteers & coaches working with children and young people will be asked to read and become familiar with the Halesowen Golf Club Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

All staff, volunteers & coaches involved with children and young people will be asked to read the golf club's Code of Conduct relevant to their role, and sign to indicate their understanding and agreement to act in accordance with the code. The code is linked to the golf club's Disciplinary Procedures.

Halesowen Golf Club is committed to the fact that every child and participant in golf should be afforded the right to thrive through being involved in sporting activity for life, in an enjoyable, safe environment, and be protected from harm. Halesowen Golf Club acknowledge the additional vulnerability of some groups of children (e.g. disabled, looked after children, those with communication differences). The club will ensure that the environment is appropriate for the child, and tailored to their needs so that they have a positive experience of their sport without risk of harm.

2. Complaints, concerns and allegations

- 2.1** If a player, parent/carer, member of staff or volunteer has a concern about the welfare of a child, or the conduct of another child/young person or an adult (whether they are a parent, coach, member, or otherwise), these concerns should be brought to the attention of the Club Welfare Officer without delay. The person reporting the concern is not required to decide whether abuse has occurred, but simply has a duty to pass their concerns and any relevant information to the Welfare Officer. Please refer to Flowcharts 1 & 2 for further details (see below).
- 2.2** All concerns will be treated in confidence. Details should only be shared on a "need to know" basis with those who can help with the management of the concern.

- 2.3** Concerns will be recorded on an Incident Report Form and sent to the England Golf Safeguarding Team by email and retained confidentially within England Golf and within the club. The England Golf Safeguarding Team will assist with completion of this form if required, tel: 01526 351816.
- 2.4** Halesowen Golf Club will work with England Golf and other external agencies to take appropriate action where concerns relate to potential abuse or serious poor practice. The club's disciplinary procedures will be applied and followed where possible.
- 2.5** In the event of a child making a disclosure of any type of abuse, the following guidance is given:
1. Reassure them that they have done the right thing to share the information
 2. Listen carefully
 3. Do not make promises that cannot be kept, such as promising not to tell anyone else
 4. Do not seek to actively question the child or lead them in any way to disclose more information than they are comfortably able to: this may compromise any future action. Only ask questions to clarify your understanding where needed e.g. can you tell me what you mean by the word bullying?
 5. Record what the child has said as soon as possible on an incident report form.
 6. You should explain to children, young people and families at the outset, openly and honestly, what and how information will, or could be shared and why, and seek their agreement.
 7. Parents or Carers should be informed if the allegation does not involve them.
 8. Advice may be sought from England Golf Lead Safeguarding Team who are available during office hours Monday to Friday on Tel: 01562 351856, which is within office hours only. If not available and a delay cannot be justified then seek advice from the local Children's Social Care department. Police, the Designated Officer or the NSPCC.
- 2.6** The NSPCC Helpline is available to discuss concerns regarding poor practice and abuse in confidence with members of the public who need support. Those with concerns are encouraged to use this service. The Helpline number is 0808 800 5000.
- 2.7** Safeguarding children and young people requires everyone to be committed to the highest possible standards of openness, integrity and accountability. Halesowen Golf Club supports an environment where staff, volunteers, parents/carers and the public are encouraged to raise safeguarding and child protection concerns. Anyone who reported a legitimate concern to the organisation (even if their concerns subsequently appear to be unfounded) will be supported. All concerns will be taken seriously.

FLOWCHART 1

What to do if you are worried about what is happening to a child outside of the Club (but the concern is identified through the child's involvement in golf)

* If for any reason a Club Welfare Officer is not in post or is unavailable a principle of least delay is important.
Please contact the
England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer
01526 351856
safeguarding@englandgolf.org

FLOW CHART 2
What to do if you are worried about the behaviour of any member, parent/carer, volunteer, staff, Professional, coach or official in golf or affiliated organisations

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3. Emergencies and Incidents

- 3.1** Where children are participating in events or activities, or attending coaching organised by Halesowen Golf Club, Parental Consent Forms will be obtained and retained by the golf club. These forms will be treated in confidence and only shared with those who require the information they contain to perform their role effectively.
- 3.2** In the event of a child requiring medical attention
9. The parents will be contacted immediately.
 10. In the event of failure to contact parents, the alternative emergency contacts will be used.
 11. The consent form will be consulted to establish whether parents have given their consent for a club representative to act in loco parentis.
 12. An adult club representative will accompany the child to seek medical attention, if appropriate, ensuring that they take the consent form with them.
 13. A record of the action taken will be made and retained by a club representative.
- 3.3** Where a parent is late in collecting their child the following procedure will apply:
14. Attempt to contact the parent/carer using the contact details on the Parental Consent Form

15. Attempt to contact the first, then the second emergency contact nominated on the Consent Form
16. Wait with the young person(s) at the venue with, wherever possible, other staff/volunteers or parents.
17. If no one is reachable, contact the Club's Welfare Officer for advice.
18. If all attempts to make contact fail, consideration should be given to contacting the police for their advice.
19. Staff, volunteers and coaches should try to avoid:
20. Taking the child home or to another location without consent.
21. Asking the child to wait in a vehicle or the club with them alone.
22. Sending the child home with another person without permission.

3.4 England Golf offer guidance and support to Clubs and Counties to assist with planning emergencies and incidents. Examples of recommended best practice and template documents are available for use and direct contact can be made with England Golf Safeguarding Team Officer for further advice. Tel: 01562 3518256.

4. Supervision

- 4.1** During coaching sessions, coaches should conduct a risk assessment to inform decision making about appropriate supervision levels. Regardless of the recommended ratio of adults to participants, it is recommended that a minimum of two adults should be present. This ensures at least basic cover in the event of something impacting on the availability of one of the adults during the activity.
- 4.2** Parents may be encouraged to stay for coaching/competitions & other events where their children are of an age where greater levels of parental supervision are required.
- 4.4** Parents should be made aware that with limited changing room space there may be occasions when adults and children may need to share the facilities.
- 4.5** Parents should be aware that if children are left at a venue unsupervised, other than to attend specific coaching sessions, competitions, or other organised events, the club cannot accept supervisory responsibility.
- 4.6** Special arrangements will be made for away trips. Parents will receive full information about arrangements for any such trip and will be required to provide their consent for their child's participation.
- 4.7** England Golf offer guidance and support to clubs and Counties to assist with planning events and activities. Examples of recommended practices and template documents are available for use and direct contact can be made with England Golf Safeguarding Team for further advice. Tel 01562 351856.

5. Good practice Guidelines

5.1 Behaviour of adults and children

5.1.1

Adults who work with children are placed in a position of trust in relation to children, and therefore it is important they behave appropriately and provide a strong positive role model for children, both to protect children and those working with children from false allegations of poor practice. Codes of conduct will be issued to junior members & adults working with them to promote good practice.

5.1.2

Halesowen Golf Club requires that all staff and volunteers working with children and young people adhere to the standards set out in the Code of Conduct relevant to their role. Similarly, children are expected to follow their own Code of Conduct to ensure the enjoyment of all participants and assist the club in ensuring their welfare is safeguarded.

5.1.3

Parents and carers should also work together with the club to ensure that the welfare of all children is safeguarded. A sheet on “Parental Guidance” is provided to assist them in understanding how they can best assist the club.

5.2 Adults and Children playing golf together

One of the reasons for the popularity of golf is that the game is not restricted by ability, age or gender. Responsible interaction between adults and children helps bring mutual respect and understanding and will be encouraged as part of club activities. Adults should always be aware however that age related differences do exist and conduct themselves in a manner that both recognises this and prioritises the welfare of any children involved.

5.4 Transport

5.4.1 Halesowen Golf Club believes it is primarily the responsibility of parents/carers to transport their child/children to and from events. It is not the responsibility of club volunteers or coaches to transport children and young people to and from events, activities, tournaments or matches.

5.4.2 Halesowen Golf Club may make arrangements for transport in exceptional circumstances, such as team events. Where this is the case, the written permission of the parents of the relevant children will be sought. The drivers used will be checked for their suitability to transport and supervise children (see Section 1 Recruitment and Training) and their insurance arrangements verified. Further information on safe guidelines on transport can be obtained from England Golf Team 01526 351856.

5.4.3 Children & young people are often involved in competition. When taking young people away from their home, consideration and planning needs to be paramount to ensure the duty of care for the young people within the team is fulfilled.

5.5 Photography/Videoin

5.5.1 Permission will be sought from parents prior to publication or use of any video or photographic images of their child, for instance in newspapers, websites or for coaching purposes. The personal details of the child will not be used in any promotional material unless consent from the parents/carer is obtained.

5.5.2 Any press/official photographers attending events will be required to seek permission from Halesowen Golf Club before taking photographs and also permission of parents to use images.

5.6. Social Media

Social Media provides unique opportunities for Halesowen Golf Club to engage and develop relationships with people in a creative and dynamic forum where users are active participants. It is important that all staff, volunteers, coaches, officials/referees, board members or anyone working on behalf of Halesowen Golf Club are aware of the Halesowen Golf Club Social Media Policy.

5.7 Anti-Bullying Procedures

5.7.1 We believe that every effort must be made to eradicate bullying in all its forms. Bullying can be difficult to define and can take many forms which can be categorised as;

23. Physical – hitting, kicking, theft

24. Verbal – homophobic or racist remarks, threats, name calling

25. Emotional – isolating an individual from activities or a group

All forms of bullying include;

26. Deliberate hostility & aggression towards an individual(s)

- 27. A victim who is weaker and less powerful than the bully or bullies
- 28. An outcome which is always painful & distressing for the victim

Bullying behaviour may also include;

- 29. Other forms of violence
- 30. Sarcasm, spreading rumours, persistent teasing
- 31. Tormenting, ridiculing, humiliation
- 32. Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
- 33. Online abuse/harassment
- 34. Unwanted physical contact or abusive or offensive comments of a sexual nature.

Halesowen Golf Club and its Staff, Volunteers & Coaches will not tolerate bullying in any of its forms during club events, competitions, coaching or at any other time.

5.7.2 We will:

Provide a point of contact where those being bullied can report their concerns in confidence – The Club Welfare Officer or England Golf Safeguarding Team.

Take the problem seriously.

Investigate any and all incidents and accusations of bullying.

Talk to bullies and their victims separately along with their parents/carers.

Impose sanctions where appropriate

Keep a written record of all incidents referred to Halesowen Golf Club and the action taken.

Have discussions about bullying and why it matters.

5.8 Confidentiality

5.8.1 Details of all juniors will be kept on file and secure in the office and will not be shared with a third party without parent/carer consent.

5.8.2 All concerns/allegations will be dealt with confidentially by Halesowen Golf Club and information will only be shared on a need to know basis, either internally or externally depending on the nature/seriousness of the concern/allegation.

5.9 Changing rooms

Juniors have their own rooms. No adult may enter unless accompanied with another adult. Juniors will only be supervised if needed at other club organised events. Parents will be made aware that adults use the changing rooms at other golf clubs throughout the day for changing & showering. Where a parent/carer does not consent to their child accessing the changing rooms, it is their responsibility to either supervise the child while in the changing rooms or ensure that they do not use them.

6. Useful Contacts

Golf Contacts		
Name	Address	Number
Club Welfare Officer	Mr. Gordon Higginson	Mob:07793661565 Email:gchigginson@msn.com
England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer	England Golf National Golf Centre The Broadway Woodhall Spa Lincolnshire LN10 6PU	01526 351856 safeguarding@englandgolf.org
Club Administrator- Mrs. J. Dale	Leasowes Lane, Halesowen. B62 8QF	Phone 0121 501 3606(1) Email:admin@halesowengc.co.uk

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Local Contacts		
Local Children's Social Care (including out of office hours contact) NB. In an emergency, the Samaritans will hold the Duty Officer's contact number	Dudley Council Safeguarding	Phone 0300 0050 9am-5pm After 5pm or at the weekends please contact The Emergency Social Work Duty Team 03008574
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)-Dudley Safeguarding	See above	See above
Samaritans		Freephone 116123
Local Police child protection teams In an emergency contact 999	Halesowen Police Station based at Brierley Hill	0845 113 5000
NSPCC Freephone 24 hour Helpline		0808 800 5000
NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline for Professionals		0808 028 0285

National Contacts		
The NSPCC	National Centre 42 Curtain Road London EC2A 3NH	Tel: 0808 800 5000 help@nspcc.org.uk
Childline UK	Freepost 1111 London N1 0BR	Tel: 0800 1111
NI Childline	74 Duke Street Londonderry	Tel: 028 90 327773



Volunteer Application Form – Halesowen Golf Club

Position Applied for:

Personal Details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/Other (please specify) _____

Full Name: _____

Any previous surname: _____

Date and place of birth: _____

National Insurance Number: _____

Present Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email address: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Name and address of Organisation: _____

Role:

Start Date: _____

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Data Protection Notification:

Information you have provided in completing this form will be used to process your application Halesowen Golf Club will keep the information you have supplied confidential and will not divulge it to third parties, except where required by law, or where we have retained the services of a third party representative to act on your/our behalf.

Authorisation:

I have read the Data Protection notification and understand and agree to the use of my personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, GDPR and all relevant data protection legislation.

Signed:

Date:

Declaration:

I confirm that the information I have provided is correct and that any false or misleading information may lead to the termination of my appointment.

Signed:

Date:



Self-Disclosure Form – Halesowen Golf Club

To be completed at the same time as the application form:

Private and Confidential

For roles involving contact with children (under 18 year olds).

All information will be treated as confidential and managed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation and guidance. You have a right of access to information held on you under the Data Protection Act 2018.

Part One

For completion by the organisation:

Name:	
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Address and Postcode:	
Telephone/Mobile No:	
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	Male / Female
Identification (tick box below):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I confirm that I have seen identification documents relating to this person, and I confirm to the best of my ability that these are accurate.
Either	
UK Passport Number and Issuing Office	
UK Driving Licence Number (with picture)	
Plus	
National Insurance Card or current Work Permit Number	
Signature of authorised Employing Officer:	
Print name:	
Date:	

Part Two

NOTE: If the role you have applied for involves frequent or regular contact with or responsibility for children you will also be required to provide a valid DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate which will provide details of criminal convictions; this may also include a Barring List check depending on the nature of the role (see organisational guidance about eligibility for DBS checks).

<i>For completion by the individual (named in Part one):</i>	
Have you ever been known to any Children’s Services department as being a risk or potential risk to children?	YES / NO <i>(if Yes, please provide further information below):</i>
Have you been the subject of any disciplinary investigation and/or sanction by any organisation due to concerns about your behaviour towards children?	YES / NO <i>(if Yes, please provide further information)</i>

Confirmation of Declaration <i>(tick box below)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree that the information provided here may be processed in connection with recruitment purposes and I understand that an offer of employment may be withdrawn or dismissal may result if information is not disclosed by me and subsequently come to the organisation's attention.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In accordance with the organisation's procedures if required I agree to provide a valid DBS certificate and consent to the organisation clarifying any information provided on the disclosure with the agencies providing it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to inform the organisation within 24 hours if I am subsequently investigated by any agency or organisation in relation to concerns about my behaviour towards children or young people.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that the information contained on this form, the results of the DBS check and information supplied by third parties may be supplied by the organisation to other persons or organisations in circumstances where this is considered necessary to safeguard other children.
Signature:	
Print name:	
Date:	

Club Welfare Officer	
I have seen and checked the above responses, if any of the boxes above are ticked YES, I have referred this form to England Golf Governance Department for a risk assessment and advice.	
Signed:	date:



Reference form – Halesowen Golf Club

(Name)

has expressed an interest in becoming a club member of staff, volunteer / coach* (*delete as appropriate) and has given your name as a referee.

As this post involves substantial access to children and as an organisation committed to safeguarding children, it is important that if you have any reason to be concerned about this applicant that you do not complete the following form, but please contact me on:

Telephone:

Name:

Organisation:

Any information disclosed in this reference will be treated in confidence and in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance, and will only be shared with the person conducting the assessment of a candidate's suitability for a post, if he or she is offered the position in question.

How long have you known the person?

In what capacity?

What attributes does this person have which would make him/her suited to a role working with children?

How would you describe his/her personality?

Signed:

Date:



Halesowen Golf Club

Code of Conduct for staff, coaches & volunteers

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of golf

Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or disability

If you see any form of discrimination, do not condone it or allow it to go unchallenged

Place the well-being and safety of the young person above the development of performance

Develop an appropriate working relationship with young people, based on mutual trust and respect

Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young person's full consent and approval
Always work in an open environment (e.g. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)

Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms

You should not have regular contact outside your club role with the juniors and should not engage in regular communication through text, email or social network sites

Know and understand the Halesowen Golf Club's Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in golf
Inform players and parents of the requirements of golf

Be aware of and report any conflict of interest as soon as it becomes apparent

Display high standards of language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation

Do not smoke, drink or use recreational drugs while actively working with young people in the club. This reflects a negative image and could compromise the safety of the young people

Do not give young people alcohol when they are under the care of the club

Hold relevant qualifications and insurance cover. All Staff, Volunteers & Coaches who work regularly with children must have current DBS clearance, approved by England Golf Governance Department

Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

Promote the positive aspects of golf e.g. fair play

Display high standards of behaviour and appearance

Follow Club Procedures & good practice guidelines

Ensure that you attend appropriate training to keep up to date with your role and the welfare of young people

Report any concerns you may have in relation to a child or the behaviour of an adult, following reporting procedures laid down by the golf club.

Signed:	Date:
PRINT NAME:	



Incident Report Form

– Halesowen Golf Club

Recorder's Name:

Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

Child's Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

Complainant's Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

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Code of Conduct for Young Golfers

As a young golfer taking part in a club activity, you should:

Help create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment

Demonstrate fair play and apply golf's standards both on and off the course

Understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual

Respect the advice that you receive

Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself

Respect other people and their differences

Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others

Speak out (to your parents or a club representative) if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated

Be organised and on time

Tell someone in authority if you are leaving the venue

Accept that these guidelines are in place for the well-being of all concerned

Treat organisers and coaches with respect

Observe instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you

you should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour which includes:

Smoking

Using foul language

Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others either in person or through text, email or social network sites

Consuming alcohol, illegal performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants

Child Signature _____ Print Name _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Print Name _____



Halesowen Golf Club

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers

As parents you are expected to:

Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity

Do not place your child under pressure or push them in to activities they do not want to do

Be realistic and supportive

Promote your child's participation in playing sport for fun

Complete and return the Player Profile Form and Consents pertaining to your child's participation in activities at Halesowen Golf Club.

Report and update Halesowen Golf Club with any changes relevant to your child's health and wellbeing

Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after coaching sessions/competitions

Ensure your child has clothing and kit appropriate to the weather conditions

Ensure you child has appropriate equipment, plus adequate food and drink

Ensure that you child understands the rules of Golf

Teach your child that they can only do their best

Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct

Behave responsibly at the club and on the golf course; do not embarrass your child

Show appreciation and support the coaches, volunteers and staff at Halesowen Golf Club

Accept the decision and judgement of the officials during events and competition

As a parents/carers you have the right to:

Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the sport

Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child

Be informed if your child is injured

Have consent sought for issues such as trips and photography

Contribute to the decisions of the club

Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Welfare

Officer/President..... at the club. Persistent concerns or breaches

may result in you being asked not to attend games if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent/carers continue to breach the code of conduct may be the club regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signed:

Date:

PRINT NAME:



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Managing Challenging Behaviour

Staff/volunteers who deliver sports activities to children may, on occasions, be required to deal with a child's challenging behaviour.

These guidelines aim to promote good practice and are based on the following principles:

The welfare of the child is the paramount consideration.

Children must never be subject to any form of treatment that is harmful, abusive, humiliating or degrading.

The specific needs a child may have (e.g. communication, behaviour management, comprehension and so on) should be discussed with their parent/carer and where appropriate the child, before activities start. Where appropriate it may be helpful to record the details of any agreed plan or approach and provide copies to all parties.

Every child should be supported to participate. Consideration to exclude a child from activities should apply only as a last resort and after all efforts to address any challenge have been exhausted, in exceptional circumstances where the safety of that child or of other children cannot be maintained.

Planning Activities

Planning for activities should include consideration of whether any child involved may need additional support or supervision to participate safely. This should address:

Assessment of additional risk associated with the child's behaviour

Appropriate supervision ratios and whether numbers of adults should be increased

Information sharing for all/volunteers on managing any challenging behaviour to ensure a consistent approach

Specialist expertise or support that may be needed from carers or outside agencies. This is particularly relevant where it is identified that a child may need a level of physical intervention to participate safely (see below).

Agreeing Acceptable and Unacceptable Behaviours

Staff, volunteers, children, young people and parents/carers should be involved in developing an agreement about:

what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable behaviour (code of conduct)

the range of sanctions which may be applied in response to unacceptable behaviour.

This can be done at the start of the season, in advance of a trip away from home or as part of a welcome session at a residential camp. It should involve the views of children and young people to encourage better buy in and understanding.

Where challenges are anticipated in light, for example of a child's impairment or other medical condition, a clear plan/agreement should be established and written down.

Ensure that parents/carers understand the expectations on their children and ask them to reinforce this ahead of any trip or activity.

Managing Challenging Behaviour

In responding to challenging behaviour the response should always be:

Proportionate to the actions you are managing.

Imposed as soon as is practicable.

Fully explained to the child and their parents/carers.

In dealing with children who display negative or challenging behaviours, staff and volunteers might consider the following options:

Time out - from the activity, group or individual work.

Reparation - the act or process of making amends.

Restitution - the act of giving something back.

Behavioural reinforcement - rewards for good behaviour, consequences for negative behaviour.

De-escalation of the situation - talking with the child and distracting them from challenging behaviour.

Increased supervision by staff/volunteers.

Use of individual 'contracts' or agreements for the child's future or continued participation.

Sanctions or consequences e.g. missing an outing or match

Seeking additional/specialist support through working in partnership with other agencies.

Temporary or permanent exclusion.

The following should never be permitted as a means of managing a child's behaviour:

Physical punishment or the threat of such.

Refusal to speak to or interact with the child.

Being deprived of food, water, access to changing facilities or toilets or other essential facilities.

Verbal intimidation, ridicule or humiliation.

Staff/volunteers should consider the risks associated with employing physical intervention compared with the risks of not employing physical intervention.

The use of physical intervention should always:

Be avoided unless it is absolutely necessary to prevent a child injuring themselves or others, or causing serious damage to property.

Aim to achieve an outcome that is in the best interests of the child whose behaviour is of immediate concern.

Form part of a broader approach to the management of challenging behaviour.

Be the result of conscious decision-making and not a reaction to an adult's frustration.

Employ the minimum force needed to avert injury to a person or serious damage to property - applied for the shortest period of time.

Used only after all other strategies have been exhausted.

Be recorded as soon as possible using the appropriate organisational reporting form and procedure.

Parents should always be informed following an incident where a coach/volunteer has had to physically intervene with their particular child.

Physical intervention must not:

Involve contact with buttocks, genitals and breasts.

Be used as a form of punishment.

Involve inflicting pain.

Views of the child

A timely de-brief for staff/volunteers, the child and parents should always take place in a calm environment following an incident where physical intervention has been used. Even children who haven't directly been involved in the situation may need to talk about what they have witnessed.

There should also be a discussion with the child and parents about the child's needs and continued safe participation in the group or activity.



Accident Report Form Halesowen Golf Club

Recorder's Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:
Name of Injured Person [s]:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:
Nature of Injury Sustained:	
Where did the Accident occur: [include: date; time; location; and nature of the accident]	
How did the Accident occur: [include: names; telephone numbers; etc.]	
Were there any witnesses to the Accident: [include: names; statements, etc.]	
What action was taken: [include: treatment administered, by whom, etc.]	
Were any other Agencies involved?: [e.g. Ambulance service]	

Have the Parents / Carers been contacted? YES NO [Please circle.]	
Does the accident need to be referred to England Golf Governance Dept? YES NO	
Date:	Time:
Signature of Recorder:	
<p>Data protection: Halesowen Golf Club and England Golf Governance Department may use the information in this form (together with other information they obtain as a result of any investigation) to investigate the alleged incident and to take whatever action is deemed appropriate, in accordance with their Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Strict confidentiality will be maintained and information will only be shared on a “need to know” basis in the interests of safeguarding and in accordance with the company’s data protection policy. This may involve disclosing certain information to a number of organisations and individuals including relevant clubs and County bodies, individuals that are the subject of an investigation and/or Statutory agencies such as the Police and Children’s Social Care.</p>	



Halesowen Golf Club

Junior Profile and Parental Consent Forms –

Information obtained on these forms must be treated as confidential (and only given to those who need it to fulfil a duty of care for the child), it is also critically important this information is **readily to hand at sessions and matches.**

Player Profile Form– Halesowen Golf Club

(For Players Under the age of 18)

The safety and welfare of juniors in our care is paramount, and it is therefore important that we are aware of any illness, medical condition and other relevant health details so that their best interests are addressed.

In compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018, GDPR and all relevant data protection legislation, all efforts will be made to ensure that information is accurate, kept up to date and secure and that it is used only in connection with the purpose and activities of the organisation. Information will not be kept once a person is no longer a member of the organisation. The information will be disclosed only to those members of the organisation for whom it is appropriate and relevant officers of England Golf where necessary.

It is the responsibility of the junior and their parent to notify the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) or Secretary if any of the details change at any time.

Junior Name	
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Date of Birth		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Parents' Names		
Address		(If different)
Home Telephone No		
Mobile Telephone No		
Work Telephone No		
Emergency Contacts		
Contact 1 Name		
Relationship to child		
Home Telephone Number		
Mobile Telephone Number		
Work Telephone Number		
Contact 2 Name		
Relationship to child		
Home Telephone Number		
Mobile Telephone Number		
Work Telephone Number		

Please confirm details of all those with Parental Responsibility for the Child.	
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Medical Information

Child's Doctor's name	
Doctor's Surgery Address	

Telephone Number	
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Does your child experience any conditions requiring medical treatment and/or medication?

YES **NO**

*If yes please give details, including medication, dose and frequency.

Does your child have any allergies? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

Does your child have any specific dietary requirements? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

What additional needs, if any, does your child have e.g. needs help to administer planned medication, assistance with lifting or access, regular snacks?

Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as 'anyone with a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities'.

Do you consider your child to have a disability? **YES** **NO**

*If yes what is the nature of the disability?

Does your child have any communication needs e.g. non-English speaker/ hearing impairment/ sign language user/ dyslexia? If yes, please tell us what we need to do to enable him/her them to communicate with us fully.

Consent from Parent/Legal Carer:

I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my child does not suffer from any medical condition other than those detailed above.

I agree to notify the Club of any changes to this information.

I give my consent that in an emergency situation, the club may act in my place (loco parentis), if the need arises for the administration of emergency first aid and/or other medical treatment which, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary. I also understand that in such an occurrence all reasonable steps will be taken to contact me or the alternative adult named in this form.

The attached signature will denote that my child has my permission to be on the golf club's premises.

I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child, except for formal junior golfing coaching, matches or competition.
 I agree to my child being transported by club representatives to and from venues when he/she is representing the club.
 (Please tick the boxes if agreed)

By signing this document I confirm that I have legal responsibility for ; I am entitled to give this consent and I am aware of how the information I have provided may be used.	
Signed – Parent/Carer	
Print name	
Date	



Photography Consent - Halesowen Golf Club

This form is to be signed by the legal carer of a child under the age of 18, together with the child. Please note that if you have more than one child registered you will need to complete separate forms for each.

Halesowen Golf Club recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all children in golf. As part of our commitment to ensure their safety we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of your child to be taken (except where some incidental inclusion may not be possible to avoid) or used without your consent.

Halesowen Golf Club will ensure that any image of a child where consent has not been obtained will not be published.

Halesowen Golf Club will follow the guidance for the use of images of children as detailed within the Club's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

Halesowen Golf Club will take steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes for which they are intended i.e. the promotion and celebration of the activities of the club.

If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately.

The photographs may be available on the website http://_www.halesowengc.co.uk _____ for the golf season 2020/21. If at any time either the parent/ carer or the child wishes the data to be removed from the website, 7 days' notice must be given to the Club Welfare Officer after which the data will be removed.

To be completed by parent/carer

I _____ (Parent full name) consent to _____ (name of organisation) photographing or videoing _____ (name of child) under the stated rules and conditions, and I confirm I have legal parental responsibility for this child and am entitled to give this consent.

Signature of the Parent _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

To be completed by child

I _____ (Child full name) consent to _____ (name of organisation) photographing or videoing child under the stated rules and conditions.

Signature _____

Date _____



Guidance for parents

Halesowen Golf Club

Halesowen Golf Club is delighted to welcome you and your child to what we hope is the first of many events that you will be taking part in.

The positive effect of your support, as a parent, can't be overstated. Your behaviour has a real influence on the way your child experiences golf.

First things first – why is your child showing an interest in the sport? Is it to learn a new game? To hang out with their friends? Because they did it in school and liked it? Or because you play?

Make sure they're playing for their own reasons, not yours.

To enable us to provide the best possible experience for you and your child, we kindly request that you read through the following guidance and complete the attached forms.

Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive.

Familiarise yourself with the club's Safeguarding Policy (attached).

Familiarise yourself with

- A. Codes of Conduct for parents, coaches, children and young people.
- B. Transport Policy.
- C. Changing Room Policy.
- D. Photography, Videoing and the use of Social Media Policies.

Complete the attached Parental Consent Form which will enable event organisers to cater for any particular needs that your child may have (e.g. medical conditions and medications, allergies, learning difficulties etc.), as well as contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Go through the attached Code of Conduct **with** your child and return a signed copy to the club/event organiser.

Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your child from coaching/ events. It is important to communicate with the club if collecting your child after an event/coaching session may cause a problem.

Introduce yourself to the adults involved in the supervision of your child.

When leaving your child, make sure they have the necessary provisions for the day, including the ability to meet the requirements of changing weather conditions. Please ensure that your mobile is switched on when you are away from the club, so that you can be contacted in an emergency.

Encourage your child to take part and support club activities such as coaching & competitions.

Help your child to arrange golf with other juniors away from club organised activities so they have someone to play golf with.

As a parent/carer you are encouraged to:

Discuss any concerns regarding the organisation of activities or the behaviour of adults towards your child with the Club Welfare Officer, who will treat any concerns you or your child may have in the strictest confidence

England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer is also available for advice: 01526 351824

Club Welfare Officer:- Mr. Gordon Higginson 07793 661565



Managing Young People on Away Trips – Halesowen Golf Club

The following provides good practice guidance for taking teams on an away fixture for a day (not overnight) appoint a team manager with clear roles and responsibilities

appoint a designated safeguarding lead contact (not the team manager) who is appropriately trained and competent for the role and responsibilities

establish well in advance where the fixture is

ensure you have sufficient staff to manage and look after the young people

obtain written permission from the parents/carers or carers for participation, transporting and supervising. An up to date photograph of each child must be attached to the child's consent form (for use in the event of any child going missing)

ensure that a welfare plan has been written and communicated to staff, participants and carers

ensure all staff responsible for the young people have been DBS checked to the appropriate level and staff have had appropriate safeguarding training

ensure that a risk assessment has been conducted

ensure that there is a contact available e.g a staff member who is not travelling away, who will act as the key contact point if required.

Accommodation

Whatever the accommodation, the team manager should ensure that the children are safe. Discuss your code of conduct and discipline policy with the staff at the accommodation. All children must know which rooms staff are in and how to contact them if required.

If rooms are equipped with satellite TV, inappropriate programmes may be available. It may be possible to have these programmes disconnected.

If rooms have fridges, all alcohol must be removed.

Check the accommodation policy for extras on bills, breakages and lost keys. All accommodation must be clean and with access to sufficient toilet and bathing facilities.

It is not acceptable:

For children to share a bed

For male and female children to share a room

For staff to share a room with children

Checks must be made to ensure that the needs of children with disabilities are met. For wheelchair users, it is important to check access to the building, room and bathroom facilities

Overnight Stays

Those responsible for organising overnight stays should establish the purpose of the trip, confirm the dates, location, and duration. You should also conduct a risk assessment, identify suitable venues and facilities for both fixtures and accommodation and consider the following:

Purpose of the trip

Who will be going, children? Staff?

How much will it cost? How much spending money is required?

What insurance cover is required?

Supervision of children, both playing and non-playing time.

Catering for all food requirements.

Communication with parents (see above)

Ensure a list of the team and staff is left, with contact number and address of the accommodation
Ensure that there are emergency contact numbers for all the team and staff.
An itinerary giving as much detail as possible.
Emergency procedures and telephone contacts.
Codes of contact for both staff and children.
Welfare and child protection procedures.



Social Media Guidance – Halesowen Golf Club

This guidance gives procedures that will support and underpin the use of social networking and other online services within **Halesowen Golf Club**. It is important that all members, staff, volunteers, coaches, officials/referees, board members, or anyone working on behalf of **the club** are aware of this policy and agree to the following terms.

Advice for Individual

Do not accept children as contacts on social networking sites if you hold a position of trust with children/young people.

Where contact through social networking sites is used for professional reasons, restrict the communication to professional content and obtain written consent from parents prior to establishing contact.

Include a third party in any communications to children, e.g. copy parents into communications.

Use the privacy settings on the various sites to ensure that your content will only be viewed by appropriate people.

Ensure that any content you place on a social networking site is age-appropriate. Do not use the site to criticise or abuse others.

Know where to direct junior members and their parents for information.

Know how to report concerns.

Know how to keep data safe and secure. This should include the personal contact data of individuals, such as mobile numbers, email addresses and social networking profiles.

Advice for Children

Consider carefully who you invite to be your friend online and make sure they are who you actually think they are.

There are websites that offer advice about protecting yourself online, such as www.ceop.gov.uk and www.childnet.com

Make sure you use privacy settings so that only friends can view your profile.

Remember that anything you post on websites may be shared with people you don't know.

Never post comments, photos, videos, etc., that may upset someone, that are untrue or that are hurtful. Think about whether you may regret posting the content at a later date.

If you are worried or upset about something that's been posted about you, or by texts you receive from other juniors or adults involved with the club, raise this with your Club Welfare Officer. Alternatively contact your National Governing Body Lead Safeguarding Officer (England Golf 01526 351824). Do not suffer alone. You will be listened to and your concerns will be taken seriously.

If you want to talk to someone anonymously, call Childline on 0800 1111, or contact them on the web at www.childline.org.uk. You can also call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Advice for Parents

Make yourself knowledgeable about social networking platforms and how they work.

Go on the internet with your child and agree what sites are acceptable to visit. Regularly check that they are staying within the agreed limits.

Encourage your child to talk to you about what they have been doing on the internet.

Make sure they feel able to speak to you if they ever feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.

Encourage children to look out for each other when they're online. Explain that it's all part of staying safe and having fun together.

Explain to children that it's not safe to reveal personal information, such as their name, address or phone number on the internet. Encourage them to use a cool nickname rather than their own name.

Attachments and links in emails can contain viruses and may expose children and young people to inappropriate material. Teach children to only open attachments or click on links from people they know.

Further Advice for Parents of Young Golfers

If you are concerned about any texts, social networking posts or any other use of communication technology by members of the golf club, volunteers or members of staff, raise this with the Club Welfare Officer. They will look into the matter and take appropriate action. Alternatively contact England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer Tel 01526 351824.

In addition to reporting concerns to England Golf (National Governing Body), you should immediately report possible online abuse to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) or the police. Law enforcement agencies and the internet service provider may need to take urgent steps to locate a child and/or remove the content from the internet. Where a young person may be in immediate danger, dial 999.

Do not post/send negative or critical comments or messages about other children in the club, staff or volunteers. If you have concerns about a person, these should be raised using appropriate channels within the club and not using social media.

If you wish to speak to an external organisation for advice, you can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.



Whistleblowing Policy – Halesowen Golf Club

Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk requires everyone to be committed to the highest possible standards of openness, integrity and accountability.

As a club, we are committed to encouraging and maintaining a culture where people feel able to raise a genuine safeguarding concern and are confident that it will be taken seriously.

You may be the first to recognise that something is wrong but feel that you cannot express your concerns as this may be disloyal to your colleagues or you may that you will be the victim of harassment or victimisation as a result.

Children, Young People and Adults at risk need someone like you to safeguard their welfare.

What is whistle blowing?

In the context of safeguarding, “whistle blowing” is when someone raises a concern about the well-being of a child or an adult at risk.

A whistle blower may be:

- a player;
- a volunteer;
- a coach;
- other member of staff;
- an official;
- a parent;
- a member of the public.

Reasons for whistle blowing:

Those involved in sport must acknowledge their individual responsibilities and bring matters of concern to the attention of the relevant people and/or agencies. Although this can be difficult it is particularly important where the welfare of children may be at risk.

Each individual has a responsibility for raising concerns about unacceptable practice or behaviour:

- To protect or reduce risk to others
- To prevent a problem from becoming worse or more widespread
- To prevent becoming implicated yourself

What prevents those individuals from whistle blowing:

- Starting a chain of events that they have no control of
- Disrupting work or training
- Fear of getting it wrong or making a mistake
- Fear of repercussions
- Fear of damaging careers
- Fear of not being believed.

If a child or an adult at risk is in immediate danger or risk of harm, the police should be contacted by calling 999.

Where a child or an adult at risk is not in immediate danger the first person you should report your suspicion or allegation to is your Club Welfare Officer. If for any reason you cannot, or do not wish to report the matter to your Club Welfare Officer please contact Ash Wilson England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer on 01526 351824 or email safeguarding@englandgolf.org

Alternatively you can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Information to include when raising a concern

The whistle blower should provide as much information as possible regarding the incident or circumstance which has given rise to the concern, including:

their name and contact details (unless they wish to remain anonymous);

names of individuals involved;

date, time and location of incident/circumstance; and

whether any witnesses were present.

Halesowen Golf Club assures that all involved will be treated fairly and that all concerns will be properly considered. In cases where suspicions prove to be unfounded, no action will be taken against those who report their concerns, provided they acted in good faith and without malicious intent.

What happens next?

You should be given information on the nature and progress of any enquiries – this may vary depending on the nature and result of the investigations.

All concerns will be treated in confidence. During the process of investigating the matter, every effort will be made to keep the identity of those raising the concern to the minimum number of individuals practicable.

Your Club has a responsibility to protect you from harassment or victimisation

No action will be taken against you if the concern proves to be unfounded and was raised in good faith

Malicious allegations may be considered a disciplinary offence

The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 protects whistle blowers from victimisation, discipline or dismissal where they raise genuine concerns of misconduct or malpractice.

If the whistle blower does not believe that the concern has been dealt with appropriately and wishes to speak to someone outside the club or the England Golf Governance

Department the NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line should be contacted on 0800 028 0285 or by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk.

Categories of child abuse

Abuse can happen on any occasion or in any place where children and young people are present.

Child abuse is any form of physical, emotional or sexual mistreatment or lack of care that leads to injury or harm. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by a stranger. Children can be abused by adults, either male or female, or by other children.

Safeguarding is defined as:

Protecting children from maltreatment;

Preventing impairment of children's health or development;

Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and

Taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

Child Protection is the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or are likely to suffer significant harm.

There are 4 main types of abuse: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. Children and young people can also be harmed through poor practice and bullying within a sport setting.

Neglect is when adults consistently or repeatedly fail to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs which could result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development e.g. failure to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing; failing to protect a child from physical harm or danger; or the failure to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include refusal to give love, affection and attention.

Examples in sport could include a coach or supervisor repeatedly failing to ensure children are safe, exposing them to undue cold, heat or extreme weather conditions without ensuring adequate clothing or hydration; exposing them to unnecessary risk of injury e.g. by ignoring safe practice guidelines, failing to ensure the use of safety equipment, or by requiring young people to participate when injured or unwell.

Physical abuse is when someone physically hurts or injures children by hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, biting, scalding, suffocating, drowning or otherwise causing harm. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer feigns the symptoms of, or deliberately causes, ill health to a child whom they are looking after.

Examples in sport may be when the nature and intensity of training or competition exceeds the capacity of the child's immature and growing body; where coaches encourage the use of drugs or harmful substances to enhance performance or delay puberty; if athletes are required to participate when injured; or when sanctions used by coaches imposed involve inflicting pain.

Sexual abuse is where children and young people are abused by adults (both male and female) or other children who use them to meet their own sexual needs. This could include full sexual intercourse, masturbation, oral sex, anal intercourse, kissing and sexual fondling. Showing children pornographic material (books, videos, pictures) or taking pornographic images of them are also forms of sexual abuse.

Sexual abusers groom children, protective adults and clubs/organisations in order to create opportunities to abuse and reduce the likelihood of being reported.

Examples in sport may include coaching techniques involving physical contact with children creating situations where sexual abuse can be disguised and may therefore go unnoticed. The power and authority of, or dependence on, the coach if misused, may also lead to abusive situations developing. Contacts made within sport and pursued e.g. through texts, Facebook or Twitter have been used to groom children for abuse.

Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity

(a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or

(b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator.

The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional ill-treatment of a child so as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve

conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person.

It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children or even the over protection of a child. It may involve causing children to feel frightened or in danger by being constantly shouted at, threatened or taunted which may make the child very nervous and withdrawn. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of ill-treatment of a child.

Examples in sport may include children who are subjected to constant criticism, name-calling, sarcasm, bullying, racism or pressure to perform to unrealistically high expectations; or when their value or worth is dependent on sporting success or achievement.

Guidance on Regulated Activity

Disclosure and Barring Service – Eligibility for Checks

Enhanced DBS checks with the barred list can only be requested if the work done by a volunteer or member of staff fits within the following definition of “Regulated Activity”

“Regulated activity” is defined as where someone is teaching, training, instructing, caring for or supervising children, or providing advice or guidance on well being or driving a vehicle only for children, when this activity is done regularly and unsupervised.

“Regularly” is considered to be at once a week. If the activity was taking place on 4 or more days in a 30 day period, this would also fall within the definition.

If the activity involves **any** overnight responsibility between 2am and 6am then this is also classed as Regulated Activity.

Supervision must be by a person who is working in a regulated activity, must be day to day and must be “reasonable in all the circumstances to ensure the protection of children”.

“Regulated activity” would also cover people involved in transporting children as part of their

role on behalf of Halesowen Golf Club, (not parents or with parental consent). If the activity

meets the requirements of the definition, but is supervised, then the club will still be able to

request a DBS check but the disclosure information will be limited. **If the role does not**

meet the criteria of working in a regulated activity, whether supervised or not, you

are not eligible to apply for an enhanced DBS check with the barred list. You may be

eligible for a different type of DBS check and guidance should be sought. Contact

England Golf Safeguarding Team Tel: 01526 351856.

