

International Safeguarding Information and Processes

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(For nations attending GB Junior Open events)

England Squash, Scottish Squash and Squash Wales are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and accept our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people involved in Squash. Collectively, we believe the welfare of children and young people is paramount within our sport.

The information and agreement contained within this document are intended to strengthen and support the safeguarding procedures at our international events. The safeguarding information contained within this document informs all players, coaches and support staff and families of what is expected of them in terms of safeguarding when attending open competitions in England, Scotland and Wales. It also contains information about standards of behaviour or poor practice that are deemed unacceptable (even if they do not break any laws) and what we will do if we are made aware of unacceptable behaviour. There is also clear guidance about what you should do if you are concerned about the welfare of any child or young person whilst at one of our junior tournaments.

Anyone under the age of 18 is considered a child or young person.

Please read through the information on the following two pages and ensure you, your national team and supporting travellers know the accepted standards of behaviour, the reporting process if safeguarding legislation is not followed and what will happen if we are made aware of poor practice being exhibited by any member of your entourage while at the ESF sanctioned **Scottish Junior Open**. The easiest way to ensure everyone travelling understands their responsibility to keep all children and young people safe while at our competitions, is to share the following two pages of this document with anyone travelling.

Copies of safeguarding information will be clearly displayed at all GB Junior Open Events.

Parents and carers can find more information about how to keep children safe while at GB Junior Open Events by visiting the Child Protection in Sport Unit web page at <https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents/>.

We are committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice within each

home nation. We have a duty to report the following behaviours to safeguarding authorities:

Physical Abuse

This may include:

Hitting
Kicking
Slapping
Punching
Burning
Scratching
Biting

Sexual Abuse

This may include:

Sexual touching of a child, clothed or unclothed

Using a body part or object to penetrate or rape a child

Forcing a child to watch or take part in sexual activity (including online)

Exposing to a child

Emotional Abuse

This may include:

Threatening or shouting excessively at a child

Humiliating a child

Making a child perform a degrading act

Neglect

This may include:

Not attending to a child's emotional needs

Not providing adequate food or drink

Not providing medical care

The welfare of the child will always take priority, and we will do all we can to ensure the correct support is provided to the child if we have to make a safeguarding referral to authorities.

There may also be times when we are made aware of poor practice that falls below the expected standards of behaviour laid out in Codes of Conduct but doesn't reach the level required to report to statutory services such as police or social services. We will speak to the Head Coach or Lead Person for each nation if this occurs and we expect their co-operation in addressing these issues within their team or supporting travellers. We will follow up by reporting the issue to the National Safeguarding Manager, who will write to the relevant nation with an overview of the concerns raised and any subsequent sanctions decided upon, following the tournament.

Examples of poor practice might include adults arguing in front of children, swearing in front of children, pulling a child by their arm to lead them off court or shouting at a child marking or refereeing a game.

What to do if you have concerns about the welfare of a child while you are at a GB Junior Open tournament:

You have a concern, or have been told about, possible abuse of a child or young person

Has a serious crime been committed or do you need to take action to ensure the immediate safety or medical welfare of the child or young person?

Yes

No

Call
999

Report your concern to the Safeguarding Lead at the venue. Their details will be on display around the event. If you are not sure, report your concerns to the Registration Desk. REPORT IMMEDIATELY – DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE EVENT IS FINISHED.

Risk of
abuse or
crime
identified.

The Safeguarding Lead will write down the details of the concern, including names and nationality if possible. The Safeguarding Lead will ensure the immediate safety of the child or young person. The Safeguarding Lead will discuss with a Case Management Team or take advice if needed, in order to decide on action.

Low Level
Concern or
Poor Practice
identified.

Safeguarding Lead will report the concern to police or local authority and await their instructions regarding next steps. Safeguarding Lead reports to National Governing Body. Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are followed.

Safeguarding Lead speaks to Lead Coach for the nation involved and reports the concerns and why the behaviour is not acceptable. Safeguarding Lead reports to National Governing Body. Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are followed.

The Safeguarding Lead checks on welfare of child or young person throughout remaining time at event. National Governing Body continues to manage or follow up the concern with all involved following the end of the event.