



## Safe-Guarding & Well-Being Policy Summary

At Wantage Lawn Tennis Club we believe that tennis should be an inclusive, fun, affordable sport for people of all ages and abilities. We want everyone involved in tennis to have a positive experience of the sport, free from abuse or other forms of inappropriate behaviour. It is our responsibility to protect and support those playing our sport, and in particular children, young people and adults at risk.

Most people have a positive experience of tennis. Any form of abuse is unacceptable, and it is our duty to protect those who are more vulnerable to abuse. Where abuse occurs, the Club and the LTA will act urgently, working in partnership with Police and Social Services, to protect that individual or individuals from further harm. We have robust safeguarding procedures to manage these situations with confidence and efficiency

### **Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.**

If you see a situation you think will compromise the safety & well-being of anyone at our club please take action. (Examples include bad behaviour, bullying, sexual harassment). This doesn't necessarily mean you should take direct action, it may be more appropriate to report it to a member of the Committee.

**Doing nothing is not an option** in these circumstances, please act responsibly & report anything that compromises there being a caring, friendly, & safe environment at the Club.

### **All such matters will be treated sensitively & in the strictest confidence.**

To minimize the possibility of abuse to those people at risk in sporting environments, the Club is committed to working in partnership with the LTA to ensure that information and training opportunities are available for coaches, staff and volunteers to guide them in best practice when working with all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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