

GREATER LONDON CHESS CLUB CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1. Greater London Chess Club (hereinafter the 'Club') has decided to adopt a child safeguarding policy. This will apply to all members of, and visitors to, the club when undertaking Club activities. A child in this context is deemed to be anyone less than eighteen years of age. The normal venue of the Club is the Upper Vestry House, St George's Bloomsbury, 6 Little Russell Street, London WC1A 2HR.
2. The Club welcomes to its Tuesday evening sessions and events junior players who already play chess to a reasonable standard. It also allows juniors of an appropriate level to participate in inter-club matches. There is no formal teaching of junior chess within the Club. The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the welfare of children attending the Club by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.
3. A copy of the policy will be posted on the Greater London Chess Club Website.
4. The Club has a Child Safeguarding Officer, who has Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance. The current holder of the post is Tony Packham. Any child welfare concerns or allegations, and any comments or questions regarding the policy, should be directed to him on 020 8311 0212 or by e-mail to tbpackham@aol.com.
5. Any allegations or concerns will be investigated, and if necessary pursued, by the Club's Child Safeguarding Officer in accordance with the English Chess Federation's Safeguarding Children Policy, which is available for viewing on the Federation's website via a link from the Club's website.
6. All parents or guardians will normally be required to escort their children into the Club premises at the start of each session or event and to be present to collect their children again by 10pm. However at their discretion, a parent or guardian may provide written permission for the child to arrive and travel home alone. The safety of an unaccompanied child in the event of an emergency will be the responsibility of the team captain if the child is playing in one of the Club's teams, or an officer of the Club nominated on the night, if the child is attending the Club for some other purpose. The parent or guardian should provide the team captain or club officer responsible with a phone number on which they can be contacted in the event of an emergency.
7. The Club also welcomes child players to participate in inter-club matches away from the Club venue. All parents or guardians will normally be required to accompany their child to away matches and to remain at the away team's Club premises throughout the duration of the match. However at their discretion a parent or guardian may provide written permission for the child to travel to and from the venue alone, or with other team members using travel arrangements made by the team captain and the itinerary conveyed to the parent or guardian in good time. The safety of an unaccompanied child in the event of an emergency will be the responsibility of the GLCC team's captain. The parent or guardian should provide the team captain with a phone number on which they can be contacted in the event of an emergency.
8. This policy will be reviewed and updated from time to time in line with experience and best practice in the area of child safeguarding.

Greater London Chess Club, adopted at the AGM, 13 June 2017
(After Stratford Chess Club Child Protection Policy)