



## **Safeguarding Policy**

**No one in sport and physical activity; whether they are a volunteer, participant, spectator or elite athlete, should ever have to worry about abuse or harassment.**

We are committed to safeguarding all those who participate in our sport, ensuring they can do so in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment. We aim to enable all of our clubs and county associations to provide safe environments for all participants.

Bowls England's safeguarding function works in collaboration with The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA), The English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA), English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA), The British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA), English Bowling Federation (EBF) and Disability Bowls England (DBE).

All categories of membership (clubs and counties), as a qualification of membership, must adopt the Safeguarding Policies and Guidelines (or any subsequent policy) as approved by Bowls England. This requirement must be included in all club and county constitutions.

***We adopt and follow all policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England alongside UK Anti-Doping Rules and all procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9, 9A and 9B. Our club and members will abide with all sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Safeguarding Case Management Panel and/or National Disciplinary Panel***

### **Important**

All safeguarding concerns will be reported to Bowls England's Lead Safeguarding Officer for advice. These include historic allegations and concerns relating to the current welfare/safeguarding of either adults or children in bowls, whether the issue is inside or outside of the sport. The Bowls England's Lead Safeguarding Officer will then be able to advise, whether the concern should be dealt with under the Case Management Panel or through Regulation 9.