



SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN, ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

MTMBC is committed to the protection of children, elderly and vulnerable adults to ensure their safety and welfare when engaged in MTMBC activities.

MTMBC members shall maintain vigilance at all times when associating with children, elderly or vulnerable adults to ensure that they do nothing to jeopardize their safety and welfare.

In the event a MTMBC member suspects a child, elderly or vulnerable adult is being abused physical or mentally they should contact Social Services or, in an extreme case the Police at the earliest opportunity. Following formal reporting, the Club Committee should be advised of the action taken but not the details of the incident. Any such report will remain strictly confidential.

MTMBC does not require members to have a DBS Check.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CARE OF CLUB JUNIOR MEMBERS AND CHILDREN

1. Junior Members and children are any person under the age of 18 years.
2. The parent/guardian holds primary responsibility for their children.
3. Junior members must be supervised at all times by a parent/guardian or by a responsible adult member authorized by the parent/guardian. The nominated guardian must agree to undertake the supervision. The level of supervision is to be commensurate with the junior members age. Maturity, capabilities and levels of experience.
4. Should a member discover a junior member is unsupervised they must assume responsibility for the junior member's safety in the first instance. The situation should then be rectified as soon as possible by seeking out the junior member's parent/guardian or nominated supervisor. Any such occurrence must be reported to the club committee as soon as possible.
5. If it is reported to the Committee that junior member is being left unattended by their parent/guardian or nominated member the Committee shall advise the said parent/guardian or supervising member that leaving a junior member in their charge unattended will not be tolerated and if the practice continues will lead to expulsion from the club.

6. Whilst supervising junior members, MTMBC members should be aware of the requirements of the Children Act (1989) and avoid placing themselves in a position that could be open to misinterpretation or question.
7. It should be noted that any disclaimer concerning the care of any member, particularly junior members, is not acceptable in law.
8. No photos of children shall be taken or published without the written permission of the parent/guardian.

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