



# Child protection policy statement

## ***CAMBRIDGE CATS BASKETBALL CLUB***

At Cambridge Cats Basketball Club, we believe that every child and young person involved in the game of Basketball has the right to have fun and be safe in their sport. Sadly, abuse does take place and sometimes from those that children and young people trust the most. We are committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people to participate in Basketball and we recognise our responsibility to safeguard their welfare by doing all we can to protect them from sexual, physical or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

The welfare of children and young people is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to abuse. Everyone involved in Basketball – officials, coaches, volunteers, parents/carers, other family members, friends and the children themselves – can help. If you have any concerns about poor or abusive practice or suspect that a child may be being abused or is at risk, please contact our Child Protection Officer, in confidence, or speak to any of the organisations listed in Appendix A.

For more information please refer to the full Child Protection Policy, which has been written by England Basketball, with whom, Cambridge Cats are a registered and affiliated club. The policy was agreed by the England Basketball Executive in February 2005 and is available to view or download via the link on the policies & rules page of the Cambridge Cats website.

Whilst this policy is intended primarily to promote the welfare and safety of children and young people and to help minimise the risk of child abuse, it also provides guidance to all those involved in the sport about acceptable behaviour and good practice. Best practice protects everyone involved in sport. The codes of conduct have been developed to support people by helping to make it clear to all what is expected of them and others involved in basketball.

If you have any concerns in relation to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance. Further, Appendix A contains a schedule of local and national contacts, which can be viewed or downloaded via the link on the policies & rules page of the Cambridge Cats website.

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