

# EAST LOTHIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## ***CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY***

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ELBA has adopted the following policy in its work with children and vulnerable adults.

- a. The needs and rights of children and vulnerable adults take priority over everything.
- b. It is the duty of every bowler or official from ELBA clubs to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and to prevent physical, sexual or emotional abuse of all children and vulnerable adults with whom they come into contact with during bowling activities.
- c. ELBA will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by; -
  - 1) Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of bowling activities and events
  - 2) Appointing a member of the ELBA management Committee to have responsibility for protection issues.
  - 3) Adopting protection guidelines that give clear procedures and a code of conduct for all officials, bowlers, staff and volunteers utilised by all constituent clubs within the ELBA remit.
  - 4) Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed.
  - 5) Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, officials, bowlers, staff and volunteers.
  - 6) Issuing guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know details.
  - 7) Following carefully the procedures for the selection of officials and others to assist with activities, events and projects; and providing guidance to clubs on request; and monitoring and reviewing this policy and procedures on a regular or required basis.
  - 8) Children in the constituent clubs are welcome provided that they are within the terms of the Licensing Laws of Scotland in relation to that particular club due to the number of variations in existence. They must be under and in the control of suitable responsible adults, carers or officials.