



Burgess Hill Cricket Club

Guidance on welcoming & safeguarding children with disability

The ECB is responsible for all cricket in England and Wales and has set out a clear vision to become, and remain, the world's leading Governing Body in providing access to cricket for disabled people.

The Club is committed to ensuring cricket and sport in general is open, and accessible, to all members of the community and they are supported to achieve their potential in any capacity whether as a player, employee, volunteer, coach or official. This principle applies regardless of, age, race, disability, ability, gender, religion or belief, sexual orientation or background.

Many children with disabilities or special needs can be welcomed into the game with a sensible approach that involves talking with the child and his or her parents about what their abilities are and what assistance or different arrangement they may need. Children with disabilities need to enjoy opportunities and experiences open to all children in a safe environment.

The ECB and the Club are committed to supporting disabled children to be fully involved in cricket and sporting activity through the provision of a range of activities, training and supportive good practice guidance.

To help achieve this in cricket we are committed to supporting cricket personnel including coaches, officials and other volunteers to ensure they are inclusive of, and safeguard, children with disabilities.

The ECB and the Club are aware that the most valuable resource within the organisation is the staff and volunteers who appreciate the value of cricket for disabled children and are supported to develop the confidence, will, and desire to ensure they can become fully integrated members of the cricket family.

In the first instance, the club should discuss the child's needs and abilities with the child and his or her team manager. The Club Safeguarding Officer should be and is involved in this process. Remember, many children may have hidden disabilities (or special needs) – such as an autistic spectrum disorder or deafness or another condition that is not obvious.