

Knights United Chess Club

Child Protection Policy - July 2008

The primary aim of Knights United (the "club") is to promote chess to adults and children, but during that activity, it is important that children are protected. Every child has a right to protection from abuse and neglect, and this document outlines the club policies and procedures to achieve this.

- Even though it is not a legal requirement, the club will ensure that all coaches and club officers have current enhanced CRB clearance. A current certificate obtained for another organisation is acceptable as long as the position is similar in respect of dealing with children of similar ages to those at the club, and in a similar situation e.g. coaching/teaching at a school.
- Parent helpers, and adult players who are not parents, are not required to be CRB cleared, but must not be left in sole charge of children except in case of a medical emergency.
- All coaching will be carried out in an open environment with at least two adults present, at least one of which must be non-playing. This gives protection for the children, coaches and parent helpers.
- All children will be signed in and out using the club register by the parent helper listed on the rota.
- If a child needs to visit the toilet, a club officer or parent helper should try to ensure that the doors to the toilet are in view to ensure that the child is not followed.
- Children may not leave the club until a designated parent or carer has arrived to collect them. An older child may leave the club alone by prior arrangement only and at the club's discretion.
- Transport to and from other venues, and the time spent at that venue for away games etc. is the parents responsibility. The club may suggest that one child gets a lift with another's parent, but the decision to accept this is entirely down to the parents involved. They must use their own judgement, but as a minimum must ensure that the parent providing transport is also taking their own child.