



Adult Safeguarding - 'Adult at Risk' care and support needs for safe play

Purpose

This document describes how a club should manage an activity involving one or more adults at risk so that they can play croquet safely.

Definition of an adult at risk

An Adult at risk is defined by the Care Act 2014:

An individual aged 18 years and over who:

- (a) has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) AND
- (b) is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, AND
- (c) as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

Procedure for Adults at Risk to play croquet safely

- a) It is expected that adults at risk will self-identify so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place. If they have not self-identified and there is a concern about their welfare, then the club welfare/safeguarding officer and/or the National Safeguarding Officer should be informed.
- b) In all cases it is expected that an adult at risk will be accompanied by a carer capable of managing the adult at risk's needs, including their protection from harm or abuse. Thus, initially it will be the carer's responsibility to ensure that safeguarding procedures are in place for the adult at risk by making their needs known to the activity organiser.
- c) For events booked through the Croquet England's Tournament Entry System (TES), which includes some courses, all individuals have the opportunity to indicate on the TES that they have 'Special Requirements' when making a booking. It is expected that adults at risk (or their carer) will either use this facility to indicate their needs for added support or contact the tournament or course manager directly, before the event commences.
- d) For any other managed activity (i.e. not a tournament or course managed via the TES), it will be the obligation of the adult at risk or their carer to make their needs known at the time of booking to the manager of the activity.
- e) When an outside organisation books club facilities, they should be asked whether any within their group requires extra assistance. Where this includes Adults at Risk, the group should be asked to provide the appropriate level of assistance, and a member of the club should also be present throughout.
- f) When organised groups or members of the public make use of a club's facilities (e.g. through Pay and Play) and it is known that an adult at risk will be attending, a club

representative (acting as session manager) must be in attendance to ensure that the adult at risk is accompanied by their carer or group organiser at all times.

Duties of a tournament director and tournament manager

If an adult at risk enters an event in the tournament entry system:

Clause O2(b) of the tournament regulations requires the tournament director to ensure the tournament manager and the host club's welfare/safeguarding officer are aware of an adult at risk who will be competing and to liaise with them over any special arrangements that need to be made.

Clause M1(k) of the tournament regulations requires the tournament manager to take whatever actions are required to meet the safeguarding arrangements made.

References

[Adult Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Adult Safeguarding-Supporting Information](#)

[Adult Safeguarding-Responding, Recording and Reporting Procedures](#)

[Adult Safeguarding-Adult Incident Report Form](#)

[Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[Safeguarding requirement for DBS Enhanced Certificate](#)

[Regulations for Tournaments 2025](#)

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