

# CHILD SAFEGUARDING @ BATTTS

The safety and welfare of our young players at BATTTS is a top priority for us. This brief guide describes some of the measures we take to safeguard the youngsters who train and play at BATTTS.

If you are the parent or carer of a child who attends BATTTS please read this and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

## UKCC COACH LICENCE SCHEME

All our regular coaching sessions at BATTTS are led by a Licenced Coach. We never run a group coaching session unless there is at least one Licenced Coach involved.

The requirements to obtain and retain a Coach Licence are comprehensive. As well as completing a course to satisfy Table Tennis England that the individual has the necessary skills in coaching, the individual must obtain the following:

- A valid DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Certificate - this has to be renewed every three years
- Attendance at a Safeguarding & Protecting Children Workshop - this is valid for three years
- Attendance at an Essential First Aid course – valid for three years
- Completion of a CPD (Continuing Personal Development) course every two years

The process of licence renewal is supervised by Table Tennis England.

At BATTTS we ensure that all the regular coaches in our coaching team have current Coach Licences.

Anyone who helps or spars at a coaching session is doing so under the supervision of the Lead Coach.

Visit the Table Tennis England website [HERE](#) to find out more about the Coach Licencing scheme.

## SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- Whenever coaching “one to one” our coaches will always ensure that a responsible adult (normally the parent of the young player) present throughout.
- Young players will never be transported alone by a coach (other than the parent of the player).
- If there are matters of concern these should be raised with an appropriate person at the earliest opportunity. The “appropriate person” depends on the circumstances. One of the following are likely to be the first point of contact: the Head Coach, the Coaching Co-ordinator, our Child Protection Officer (the latter is Sharon Head, whose mobile number is displayed at BATTTS).
- If the issue remains unresolved after being raised, the matter should be raised to a higher level. This may include Table Tennis England’s Safeguarding & Ethics Manager [Judy Rogers](#). Judy can be contacted directly by phone on 07507 860034.

## WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE

Table Tennis England have a very extensive [Guide to Safeguarding](#) and we would encourage you to read this if you would like more information.