

# Safeguarding

When we talk about 'safeguarding' we mean the measures that are put in place, and the actions that are taken, to support the welfare of children, young people and adults, and protect them from harm.

## BE Safeguarding Strategy

Badminton should always be a safe and welcoming sport for all. BE's new Safeguarding Strategy sets out four key areas that are imperative for ensuring the physical and emotional safety of players and participants, adults and juniors, across the country. In June 2023 Badminton England released its Safeguarding Strategy to ensure badminton remains a safe and welcoming sport for all. The Strategy document can be downloaded from the following link:

[https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Badminton-England-Safeguarding\\_Strategy2023-2026.pdf](https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Badminton-England-Safeguarding_Strategy2023-2026.pdf)

## Key highlights

- An Annual Safeguarding Report that shows the progress and impact of the Safeguarding Strategy.
- An increase in the reporting of low-level concerns, behaviour which is not consistent with the standards and values of our sport.
- An increase in contact and oversight of affiliated clubs, supporting them to maintain required safeguarding standards and continually strive to implement best practice.
- Trained Welfare Officers in every County.
- A community of badminton players, parents and volunteers who feel better equipped to identify and share any concerns, with the knowledge that there is a robust support network in place to help.
- An England Performance Pathway that leads by example, sets the standard and shares best practice with others to help sport become safer for all.

## BE Safeguarding Policies

Safeguarding young people is the responsibility of everyone involved in badminton. Please find links below for Badminton England's Safeguarding Young People Policy and Safeguarding Adults policy.

### Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Young People Policy

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Badminton-England-Safeguarding-and-Protecting-Children-and-Young-People-Policy-2023.pdf>

### Safeguarding and Protecting Adults Policy

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Badminton-England-Safeguarding-Adults-in-Sport-Policy-1.pdf>

## Safeguarding Roles and Role Descriptions

### County Welfare Officer – Role Description

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Role-Description-County-Welfare-Officer.pdf>

### Club Welfare Officer – Role Description

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Role-description-club-welfare-officer.pdf>

### Club Safeguarding Poster

Club Safeguarding Poster can be downloaded using the link below:

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Club-Welfare-Officer-poster.pdf>

## Safeguarding Training

All those who volunteer and work in and around Badminton should be Safeguarding aware to ensure that all people within our sport are given the best possible experience.

Badminton England Safeguarding page can be found at the following url:

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

Badminton England have introduced new and updated guidance for our badminton community, supporting you to create safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all those playing, working, and volunteering in our sport.

This matrix aims to make clear the training and education that should be undertaken for the different roles within your club and which roles require a Badminton England DBS check.

## Club Training Matrix - Training Requirements

Role	Training Requirements			DBS Requirement
	Mandatory	Renewal	Recommended	
Club Welfare Officers	Badminton England Welfare Officer Workshop (Virtual Classroom)	Badminton England Refresher Education Every 2 years		Enhanced DBS (required for all clubs with any U18 players)
Coaches (BE Registered Coach Members)	Badminton England Safeguarding Training (online)	Every 3 years		Enhanced DBS
No Strings Coordinators	Badminton England Safeguarding Training (online)	Every 3 years		Enhanced DBS
Club Committee Roles (if applicable to the structure of your club)	An Introduction to Safeguarding (Badminton England Reading Resource)		Badminton England Safeguarding Training (online)	N/A
Club Helpers (e.g. Parent Volunteers / non-committee roles)	An Introduction to Safeguarding (Badminton England Reading Resource)		Badminton England Safeguarding Training (online)	Enhanced DBS (required for any helper who instructs / cares for / transports U18s and is not supervised by someone with a DBS)

## Club Welfare Officer Workshops

These workshops are delivered free of charge to all Badminton England affiliated clubs. Please find below the URL for these workshops.

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/clubs/a-sport-that-cares>