

## **HENDON CHESS CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

1. Hendon Chess Club (hereinafter the 'Club') has decided to adopt a child protection policy. This will apply to all members of, and visitors to, the club when on Club premises. A child in this context is deemed to be anyone under eighteen years of age.
2. The Club welcomes to its Thursday evening sessions and tournaments junior players who already play Chess to a reasonable standard. It also allows juniors of an appropriate level to participate in inter-club matches. There is no formal teaching of chess within the club. The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the welfare of children attending the Club by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.
3. A copy of the policy will be posted on the Hendon Chess Club Website.
4. The Club has created the post of Child Welfare Officer, which will require CRB clearance. The current holder of the post is Chris Rogal, the Club Secretary. Any child abuse concerns or allegations, and any comments or questions regarding the policy, should be directed to him on 07711-960623 or by e-mail to [middlesexjsl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:middlesexjsl@hotmail.co.uk).
5. Any allegations or concerns will be investigated, and if necessary pursued, by the Club's Child Welfare Officer in accordance with the English Chess Federation's Child Protection Policy Guidelines, which will be available for viewing on the Federation's website via a link from the Club's website.
6. All parents or guardians will be required to escort their children into the Club premises and to be present to collect their children again by 10pm, or else to provide written permission for the child to travel home alone.
7. A register of members and visitors will be kept for each Club evening. Home team captains will be required to keep a team-list for any visiting team so that there exists a full record of players in attendance.
8. Given the layout of the Church Hall, it is extremely unlikely that an adult will ever be on his or her own with a child during a Club evening. However, it will be club policy to ensure that friendly games are not played disproportionately between any two players.
9. This policy will be reviewed and updated from time to time in line with experience and best practice in the area of child protection.

Chris Rogal (Club Secretary)  
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