## STEDHAM SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Registered charity number: 1147773

## Children, young person and vulnerable adult safeguarding policy.

This policy and procedures apply to all users of and activities in the Stedham Sports Association (SSA) Pavilion, bowling clubhouse and outdoor facilities.

This policy is in place to protect all children, young people and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children, young people and vulnerable adults have a right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect.

All people associated with SSA and its use have a responsibility for safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The SSA Committee and Trustees will make best endeavours to keep the premises safe for use. (See also SSA Health and Safety Policy).

SSA requires that for any booking where an adult is working with children, young people or vulnerable adults and having unsupervised access, that the adult is in possession of appropriate clearance or authority, for example DBS certification. It is the Hirer's (the named individual on the SSA Booking form) responsibility to ensure that such clearance or authority is in place before the hiring takes place. The SSA Committee reserves the right to request evidence of this clearance or authority.

It is the responsibility of the Hirer to ensure that anyone who does not have DBS clearance (or equivalent) is not left alone with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

It is the responsibility of the hirer to decide if the premises and facilities are suitable for their needs to fulfil safeguarding requirements.

The SSA Conditions of Hire oblige the Hirer under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold or given to those under the age of eighteen years.

No children may be admitted to films being shown in the SSA facilities when they are below the age classification of the film being shown.

The hirer is responsible for the safe collection of all children, young person or vulnerable adult from the SSA facilities after an event. The responsibility for dealing with any collection

situation rest solely with the Hirer, who, if necessary, should seek advice or involvement from the police.

Any allegations of any safeguarding incident that takes place on the Stedham Sports Association site will be reported to the relevant authorities. The matter will be referred to the police and or West Sussex safeguarding team as appropriate.

Approved by Stedham Sports Association Committee and Trustees

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