



BOTHWELL CASTLE
GOLF CLUB

The Protection of Children and Young People

Bothwell Castle Golf Club wishes to safeguard the welfare of all employees and volunteers involved with Bothwell Castle Golf Club activities.

It is the responsibility of all associated with Bothwell Castle Golf Club to help prevent all types of abuse of children and young people.

QUICK GUIDELINES

The Protection of Children and Young People

Promoting Good Practices:

Always:

- ✓ set an example of good behaviour and avoid drinking and use of foul language when in contact with children
- ✓ make golf fun and encourage good etiquette and correct sporting behaviour
- ✓ treat all children equally, putting their welfare before winning or achieving goals
- ✓ give constructive feedback
- ✓ challenge unacceptable behaviour, language and bullying
- ✓ report any allegations or suspicions of abuse

Avoid:

- favouring certain children over others
- spending excessive amounts of time alone with a child, e.g. in a car, mini-bus, walking home, and especially in changing rooms
- unnecessary physical contact, including minimum contact during coaching
- sharing rooms with children on overnight trips

Never:

- x engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games
- x make sexually suggestive comments or gestures to a child
- x form intimate emotional or physical relationships with children
- x reduce a child to tears as a form of control
- x allow allegations made by a child to go unrecorded or not acted upon

How to react if a situation arises:

If a child tells you about abuse:

1. stay calm and listen to the child without interrupting – they will often be frightened and feeling very vulnerable
2. reassure them that they were right to tell you, and they are not to blame
3. do not make promises or guarantee confidentiality – let them know that you **MUST** inform someone in authority
4. take what the child says seriously, and **DO NOT INVESTIGATE**
5. report immediately to the Club Child and Adult Protection Officer, or if unavailable, the police or social work department
6. record, sign and date the information and pass immediately to the Club Child and Adult Protection Officer
7. if the child is at immediate risk seek advice from the police or social work department

If you suspect abuse or receive an allegation about any adult:

1. remember that the welfare of the child is paramount
2. tell the Club Child and Adult Protection Officer immediately, or if unavailable, the police or social work department
3. record, sign and date the information and pass immediately to the Club Child and Adult Protection Officer
4. try to ensure that no-one is placed in a position that may cause further risk or concern

It is not your duty to investigate

It is your duty to report concerns

Always seek advice if you are unsure

CONTACTS

**Local Social Work Department
01698 453753**

**Local Police Office
01698 816050**

**Parentline Scotland
0808 800 2222**

**Childline Scotland
0800 1111**

**Bothwell Castle Golf Club
Child and Adult Protection Officer
01698 801971**

**Scottish Golf Union
Child and Adult Protection Officer
01382 549500 ext. 515**