



SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY 2026–27

1. Scope

This Policy applies to children and young people participating in FCC cricket and to FCC competitions, representative programmes, pathway activities, camps, tours and other activities directly organised or controlled by FCC. It also applies to affiliated clubs. For club-controlled activities, including club training, club matches, club personnel, club venues, club travel, accommodation, medical arrangements, volunteers and club finances/contracts, the club has primary operational responsibility.

2. Core Safeguarding Standard

- The welfare and best interests of children are the first priority.
- Zero tolerance applies to abuse, neglect, grooming, bullying, harassment, discrimination, racism, exploitation, intimidation and retaliation.
- All concerns must be acted upon promptly and reported as required by law and this Policy.
- Safeguarding measures must be age-appropriate, proportionate, documented and consistent with applicable law.
- FCC may impose disciplinary, regulatory or participation measures for non-compliance.

3. Independent Status and Primary Club Responsibility

Each affiliated club is primary responsibility for its own governance, each club shall ensure that persons acting for or on behalf of the club comply with applicable law, this Policy, FCC regulations and relevant safeguarding requirements.

4. Mandatory Club Safeguarding Duties

- Maintain a written club safeguarding procedure and appoint the coach / manager or any designated person for child protection and safeguarding.
- Complete legally required suitability/background checks and safeguarding training for relevant personnel.
- Maintain emergency contacts, consent records, incident records and other safeguarding documentation securely.
- Conduct risk assessments for activities organised or controlled by the club.
- Provide appropriate supervision, first aid/emergency arrangements and safe venues/equipment.
- Manage club travel, transport, accommodation and overnight activities, including consent and supervision.
- Report safeguarding concerns immediately and cooperate with FCC and competent authorities.
- Maintain appropriate insurance required by law, venue, competition rules or the nature of the activity.
- Ensure parents/guardians receive appropriate information concerning club activities involving minors.

5. FCC Responsibilities — Federation Level Only

FCC is responsible for its own Federation-level governance, safeguarding framework, regulatory oversight, disciplinary functions, and activities directly organised or controlled by FCC, together with any statutory duties that apply directly to FCC.

FCC may monitor club compliance, require corrective action, suspend participation or affiliation where permitted, and refer matters to competent authorities. Monitoring or inspection by FCC does not relieve a club of its responsibilities.

6. Liability Allocation and Protection of FCC

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, FCC shall not assume responsibility or liability for any act, omission, negligence, misconduct, injury, loss, expense, contractual obligation or claim arising from an activity, person, facility, arrangement or undertaking independently organised, managed or controlled by an affiliated club.

A club remains responsible for claims arising from its own acts or omissions and those of its directors, employees, coaches, managers, volunteers, contractors or other persons acting for or under its control.

7. Indemnification

To the maximum extent permitted by law, each affiliated club shall indemnify and hold harmless FCC, its directors, officers, employees and authorised representatives against claims, losses, liabilities, costs and reasonable expenses arising from the club's acts or omissions, negligence, misconduct, personnel, activities, facilities, contracts, travel, medical arrangements or other club-controlled operations. Clubs should ensure that their insurance arrangements are sufficient to support this obligation.

8. No Authority to Bind FCC

No club, coach, manager, player, volunteer or other person acting for a club has authority to bind FCC, incur expenditure on FCC's behalf, enter contracts in FCC's name, or represent that FCC has accepted responsibility for a club activity unless FCC has expressly authorised this in writing.

Any unauthorised commitment remains the responsibility of the person and/or club making it.

9. Risk, Medical, Travel and Insurance

For club-controlled activities, the club is the primary risk owner and must identify, assess and manage operational risks, venue and equipment safety, weather conditions, emergency procedures, first aid, medical information, parental contacts, transport, accommodation and supervision. (Further details are also mentioned in Parental Authorisation Form). For activities directly organised and controlled by FCC, FCC shall maintain appropriate Federation-level risk and safeguarding arrangements during the official competitive match time only. Each club shall maintain insurance appropriate to its activities and any legal or FCC requirements and shall provide evidence of cover when requested by FCC.

10. Safeguarding Reporting and Authorities

- Immediate danger: protect the child and contact emergency/statutory services without delay.
- Club concern: report immediately to the Club and, where required by FCC rules or the circumstances, to the FCC.
- Criminal or statutory matter: notify the competent authorities as required by law.
- Do not conduct an informal investigation where doing so could prejudice the child, evidence or an official investigation.

11. Conduct and Digital Safety

- Clubs are responsible for the recruitment, suitability, supervision and conduct of their personnel and volunteers.
- Adults working with minors must maintain professional boundaries and comply with safeguarding training and applicable screening requirements.
- Private or secret communications with children are prohibited except where strictly necessary, transparent and appropriately authorised.
- Bullying, harassment, discrimination, abuse and inappropriate digital conduct are prohibited.
- FCC may take regulatory or disciplinary action where conduct falls within FCC jurisdiction.

12. Compliance, Monitoring and Sanctions

FCC may require clubs to provide policies, risk assessments, training records, insurance evidence, safeguarding contacts, incident information or other reasonable evidence of compliance. A club's failure to comply may result in corrective action, suspension, restriction of participation, disciplinary action or termination of affiliation, subject to applicable rules and law. FCC monitoring is a regulatory function and does not amount to assumption of the club's operational duties or liability.

13. Legal Hierarchy and Interpretation

If any provision of this Policy conflicts with mandatory law, the mandatory legal requirement prevails. If a provision is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain effective to the maximum extent permitted by law.

This Policy shall be interpreted consistently with applicable Spanish and Catalan legislation, public safeguarding protocols, GDPR/data-protection requirements and applicable ICC safeguarding principles. ICC's published guidance confirms that domestic safeguarding responsibility sits with the relevant Member Board outside ICC Events and encourages alignment with local law. [cite turn1search0](#)

The Spanish Sports Law recognises sports federations as legal entities with defined governance and regulatory functions; this supports maintaining a clear distinction between Federation-level governance and club operations.

14. Review and Approval

This Policy shall be reviewed at least annually and whenever there is a material change in applicable law, safeguarding requirements, FCC structure or ICC guidance.