**England Ice Hockey Club Safeguarding Policy Template**

**(Insert name) Ice Hockey Club**

**Safeguarding Policy**

**1.** [Club Name] acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children involved in [Club Name] from harm.

**2.** [Club Name] confirms that it adheres to England Ice Hockey’s Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document and any successor policy.

**3.** A child is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any EIH activity. Where players under 18 years old are playing in a senior game it is essential that every reasonable precaution is taken to ensure their safety and wellbeing are protected.

**4.** The Key Principles of the EIH Safeguarding Policy are that:

• The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other considerations.

• All participants regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, race, faith, culture, size, shape, language or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse or harm.

• All allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.

• Working in partnership with other organisations, statutory agencies, parents, carers, children and young people is essential for the welfare of children.

**5.** [Club Name] recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same

time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. [Club Name] recognises that this is the responsibility of everyone involved, in whatever capacity, at the club.

**6.** [Club Name] will implement and comply with the EIH Code of Conduct and the Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Spectators and Officials as appropriate.

**7.** The Club Designated Safeguarding Lead is [ *contact details to be inserted and a photo* ]. If you witness or are aware of an incident where the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead. If an incident involves the Designated Safeguarding Lead you should inform the [*whoever the club decides is an appropriate official*] and either the Regional Safeguarding Lead or the EIH Safeguarding Team.

**8.** All members of [Club Name] who work with children in Regulated Activity must undertake an RFU Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

**9.** [Club Name] will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, players or officials will comply with the Best Practice Guidance as issued by EIH. In summary, the following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the club or EIH:

• Working alone with a child.

• Consuming alcohol whilst responsible for children.

• Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply.

• Smoking in the presence of children.

• Humiliating children.

• Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child.

• Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child developed as a result of being in a ‘position of trust.’

• Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material.

**11.** [Club Name] manages the changing facilities and arranges for them to be supervised by two DBS checked adults of the appropriate gender for the players using the facilities. [Club Name] ensures that all its coaches, parents, officials and spectators are aware that adults must not change at the same time, using the same facilities as children.

**12.** [Club Name] will ensure that its coaches [and *team managers*] will receive the support and training considered appropriate to their position and role.

*There may be a number of other points clubs may wish to add to this*

*policy to take into account any matters which are specific to their club. Clubs should not delete any of the above.*

*This must be adopted in accordance with the club constitution.*

Signed …………………………………. Date …………………………………….