

Guide for Parents

1. Introduction

The Club warmly encourages the participation of all young players. We aim to promote their enjoyment of a game that the adult club members enjoy too and wish to share.

We aim to aid their development as players and their growth into adulthood. At all times their enjoyment and their well-being are of the utmost importance to us – it is the rightful concern of the club to help its members and supporters to be aware, to be observant, and to be active promoters of the highest standards towards young people*.

* ‘Young players’, ‘child’ and ‘young people’ in this guide is taken to mean anyone under the age of 18 years (irrespective of their apparent independence, self-reliance and maturity).

2. What Young Players Can Expect of the Club

Children and young people can expect an experience which will enable them to feel that they are:-

- treated equitably and with fairness
- met with friendly warmth and encouragement
- accorded respect
- safe to develop their potential for and enjoyment of badminton

3. What is Expected of Parents

Your children are your responsibility. The Club undertakes to do the absolute best it can for them and on their behalf so that they will enjoy playing badminton, learn skills and develop mature, healthy attitudes. Nevertheless it is your responsibility as parent to assure yourself that your child is in good hands. We recommend that you:-

- talk to other parents and find out about their and their children’s experiences

- talk to our coaches and helpers and get to know them
- talk to your child about how they are enjoying their badminton
- come and watch the coaches and children at work

The Club aims to be completely open and transparent; parents are always welcome at all times.

4. Teams, Matches and Travel

Assuring yourself is particularly important with those young people selected to play in our teams. Match-play can be a great way for them to progress their standard of play. However, the Club cannot undertake to ensure that a DBS[§]-checked adult will be present at all times during the match or during travel to and from the match. We recommend (particularly if your child is not being accompanied by an adult family member) that you:-

- meet and get to know the team captain and/or other adults in the team
- meet and get to know the driver if transport is being provided for your child
- ensure your child has a mobile phone (charged up and in credit) in case of unforeseen circumstances

If you have any concerns about the well-being of your child while they are at the Club, without delay please take that up with any of the Junior Club coaches, the Child Welfare Officer, the Club Chairman or any member of the Club Committee – if you cannot see the person you want at Club at the time, please visit the Club's website (www.unicornbadminton.org.uk/) for contact details

[§] DBS: 'Disclosure and Baring Service' Checks by this service used to be known as CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks. All of our qualified coaches maintain current DBS checks through Badminton England.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the Junior Club Coaches, the Club's Child Welfare Officer or the Chairman