

# **WANSTEAD & WOODFORD CHESS CLUB**

## **Guidance for Parents of children and young people**

### **“Junior” Definitions**

For the purpose of membership of the Club and of the English Chess Federation a Junior is a child or young person for the membership year starting on 1<sup>st</sup> September who is under the age of 18 as at the preceding 31<sup>st</sup> August.

For the purposes of Safeguarding a Junior is a child or young person under the age of 18.

### **Supervision**

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that they are responsible at all times for the behaviour and supervision of the Juniors in their care who participate in the Club's activities. Junior participants in the Club's activities are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

Under the safeguarding policy of the Club:

- a) Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- b) Older children under the age of 14 must be supervised by a parent or designated responsible adult (notified to the event organiser in writing);
- c) Children aged 14 or over may be unaccompanied at the discretion of their parents, guardians or carers, on the understanding that the Club does not provide supervision at its events;
- d) Parents, guardians or carers who chose not to accompany their child:
  - i. must provide an emergency contact telephone number to the event organiser; and
  - ii. must notify the event organiser in writing of any designated responsible adult (which might include a team captain, an adult team member, or a parent of another junior team member).

### **Code of Conduct for Parents or Guardians or Carers of Junior participants in the Club's activities**

Whilst supervising their children parents, guardians and carers are expected to:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally;
2. Ensure that the children are aware of and adhere to the expectations of them in terms of behaviour (See Code of Conduct for Junior Participants);
3. Not attempt to exert undue influence on the result of a game or on any other decision affecting play (e.g. board order in team events);
4. Abide by, and teach children to abide by, the decisions of team captains, the arbiters and tournament organisers;

5. Raise any concerns about any aspect of a county match/tournament promptly and constructively with the team captain/ tournament organiser and abide by their subsequent decisions;
6. Consistently display high standards of behaviour;
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language;
8. Respond promptly to any concern about the welfare of a child by reporting it to the organisers of the event.