Dealing with young and vulnerable players.

The Jersey Pétanque Association has, as a central aim, the development of Pétanque as a sport accessible to everybody and to increase participation in the sport by people of all ages and abilities.

This aim will necessitate the involvement of JPA members in coaching and assisting in the development of young and vulnerable players.

It is the policy of the Jersey Pétanque Association to safeguard the welfare of all members. The following code of behaviour has been drawn up to help protect those who are young and vulnerable and those who are involved in supporting the development and coaching of those who are young and vulnerable.

- When dealing with anyone and in particular the young and vulnerable, you are expected to treat everyone with dignity and respect and provide an example you would wish others to follow.
- Avoid situations that compromise your relationship with young or vulnerable people and which are unacceptable within a relationship of trust.
- Always plan activities which involve more than one other person being present or at least within sight or hearing of others.
- Be aware that others may misinterpret your actions no matter how well intentioned.
- Always respect a young or vulnerable person's right to personal privacy.
- Recognise that caution is required in all dealings with young and vulnerable people.
- Do not permit abusive peer activities such as ridiculing, bullying etc.
- Do not have any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with them and do not allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour.
- Do not show favouritism to any individual and do not make suggestive remarks or questions – even in fun.

If you suspect a person is being abused you have a responsibility to report your suspicions to the appropriate authority – you must refer; you must not investigate. Details of the Safeguarding/Wellbeing Officers are on the website petanque.je.
Serious incidents must be reported to safeguarding.je/report-a-concern.

If an allegation is made about a responsible person or about yourself you must immediately inform the JPA committee.

Do not assume that your good name will protect you. Always ensure that no situation arises which could cause any concern.

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