

# English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association Online Safety Policy

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This should be read together with the general safeguarding policy.

- The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association recognises that online play and especially online coaching is a significant feature of children's chess and will continue in the future.
- The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association seeks to facilitate and encourage children to be involved with online chess in a manner which allows them and their parents to be more confident about their online safety in the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association events including coaching events.
- The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association recognises that there are a number of different and specific safeguarding hazards in relation to the use of the internet. A number of chess sites have their own specific policies. These should be read and understood by any parent of a child setting up an account with any chess playing site.
- As with its overall policy, the wellbeing of children is the most important aspect.
- The reporting framework and processes for recording and managing safeguarding issues applies to those arising from online activity.
- Measures will be taken to reduce safeguarding risks for the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association online chess events and all the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association social media communications.
- Parents and guardians should be encouraged to exercise suitable parental controls for junior accounts in the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association events.
- The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association will seek to monitor Association conversations and Association chat during the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association online events as far as practicable to identify and take action on safeguarding issues.
- The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association will respond appropriately to issues raised by juniors or parents in accordance with the reporting framework and reporting processes set out in the safeguarding policy.

## Online Coaching

- It is best practice to set up a waiting room with passwords.
- It is best practice to ask those joining the meeting to ensure their name is displayed so you are aware who is being admitted to an online coaching lessons.
- It is best practice to be in full control of the muting and removal functions should they be needed.
- It is best practice, that if your picture is shown the back ground details should be clear and there should be nothing on display that effects the safeguarding and well being of children in the coaching session.

- It is best practice for children to not show their face on the meeting. This is often impractical, so in these circumstances you must be aware of any background voices or views that could affect the safeguarding of children in your session.