

Atlanta Cricket League (ACL)

Abuse & Molestation Prevention Policy

1. Purpose

ACL is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment. ACL adopts a zero-tolerance approach to abuse, harassment, and molestation in alignment with SafeSport, USOPC, ICC, and IOC safeguarding standards.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all players, coaches, umpires, officials, board members, volunteers, parents, and participants involved in ACL-sanctioned activities including matches, practices, events, travel, lodging, and electronic communications.

3. Prohibited Conduct

Prohibited conduct includes physical abuse, sexual abuse or molestation, emotional abuse, neglect, harassment, bullying, hazing, grooming behaviors, and sexual misconduct.

4. Protection of Minors

ACL enforces enhanced safeguards for minors including two-deep leadership, no private one-on-one interactions, no adult/minor room sharing, and observable and interruptible environments.

5. Electronic Communications

Private electronic communication with minors is prohibited unless a parent or guardian is included.

6. Mandatory Reporting

All participants must immediately report suspected abuse or misconduct. Child abuse must be reported to law enforcement or child protection authorities.

7. Non-Retaliation

Retaliation against individuals who report concerns in good faith is strictly prohibited.

8. Investigations & Discipline

ACL may impose interim measures and disciplinary action up to permanent removal. ACL will cooperate with SafeSport and authorities.

9. Training & Education

Mandatory SafeSport or equivalent training is required for designated roles.

10. Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed at least every two years or upon regulatory updates.