

TTW PHYSICAL CONTACT

Document History

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1.1	Reviewed document and added document history. Also added acceptance and adoption text at end of document.	Live	1 st November 2021

Monitoring and Review

The policy will be annually monitored and a full policy review will take place every three years. A policy review may also be conducted in response to any of the following occurrences:

- Changes in legislation or guidance
- Changes in governance of the sport
- Changes in the nature or size of Table Tennis Wales
- A procedural review taking place following a significant case

Table Tennis Wales are committed to ensure, in situations where physical contact is necessary, no contact occurs that could be misconstrued or misunderstood by the Child or Adult, or any observers.

The following principles should be applied in respect of any physical contact with children or adult;

- In situations where contact is necessary to assist with learning, the adult must explain to the child or adult, the nature and reason for the contact and ask the child or adult, for permission.
- Physical contact should not involve touching genital areas, buttocks, breasts of any other part of the body that might cause a child or adult, distress or embarrassment.
- Ensure any physical contact takes place in an open or public environment.
- Avoid over handling when assisting a child or adult.
- Avoid any gratuitous or unnecessary physical contact with children or Adults.
- Ensure that any sport science or medical practices or other roles, where physical contact is commonplace and/or a requirement, is only carried out by trained and qualified practitioners.

Table Tennis Wales encourages children and adults, to voice concerns in the event that any physical contact, makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened.

REMEMBER; Any form of physical punishment of children is unlawful, as is any form of physical response to misbehavior, unless it is by way of physical intervention to prevent a child from harming themselves or others. Table Tennis Wales, in line with its Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, will impose internal disciplinary action on any member found to have used a physical response towards a child, regardless of whether the incident is reported to the police.

Important:

Please copy and paste the following text into an email, and send it to: development@tabletennis.wales

I confirm that I have read, understand and fully adopt the TTW Physical Contact policy.