

THE CHILD



safeguarding in
sport

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Standard 1:

Every child is respected without discrimination

- We will treat all children with respect and without discrimination of any kind.
- We always challenge discriminatory behaviour by another child or an adult.

Standard 2:

Every child's wellbeing is promoted, supported and safeguarded

- The best interests of the child come first when we plan and make decisions.
- We consider each child's circumstances individually and will always act quickly where there are concerns about their wellbeing.

Standard 3:

Every child is protected from abuse when taking part in our sport

- We take all reasonable steps to keep children safe.
- We have procedures for people to raise and refer concerns from poor practice to possible abuse.

Standard 4:

Every child has a say in our sport

- We involve children in decisions that affect them because we understand that taking into account what children say is important to their safety and wellbeing.

Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport

Safe • Healthy • Achieving • Nurtured • Active • Respected • Responsible • Included

THE ADULTS



Standard 5:

Volunteers and staff working with children have been through a suitable appointment and selection process and are considered appropriate to work with children

- As volunteers and staff play a key role in safeguarding children, they should be appointed via a suitably rigorous selection process and those in regulated work must be members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme.

Standard 6:

Volunteers and staff working with children are well supported to deliver our sport, whilst ensuring that children's rights are respected

- We provide all necessary information, guidance, training and support to anyone in our organisation working with, or who makes decisions about children.

THE SPORTS ORGANISATIONS



Standard 7:

The sports organisation is managed well and accountable for keeping children safe in sport

- We make sure that our policies and procedures are up to date and fully implemented.
- Our board/committee is accountable for all decisions made about children.
- We build relationships within and outwith sport that support us to safeguard children.

Standard 8:

The sports organisation evaluates how it safeguards children and makes improvements where necessary

- We review the management of all child wellbeing and protection concerns and adapt what we do where necessary.
- We review our policies and procedures regularly to ensure they are fit for purpose.