



Child Protection Policy for WSEH Athletic Club

WSEH Athletic Club has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that young people participating in their sport can do so in a safe environment.

All coaches and volunteers must ensure that they give the highest standard of care and act in accordance with the club's child protection policy.

WSEH Athletic Club will ensure that it provides quality opportunities for young people:

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children and vulnerable adults whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity, have the right to be protected from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately
- All coaches and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns of abuse to the club's Child Welfare Officer.

Recruitment of coaches and volunteers

All adults involved in the club in either a paid or unpaid capacity will be subject to a number of checks to ensure their suitability of working with children. All coaches will be required to:

- Undertake a DBS check
- Attend training including First Aid and Safeguarding Children
- Become suitably qualified as a coach or produce certificates if already qualified as a coach
- Ensure they are insured through National Governing Body to undertake training sessions.

(Volunteers will be required to undertake a DBS check).

Photography at WSEH Athletic Club

If at any time coaches wish to use photographic or video equipment as a coaching aid, parents and young people will be made aware that that it is part of the coaching programme and how the footage will be used and stored.

Responding to allegations

It is not the responsibility of any coach or volunteer at WSEH Athletic Club to decide whether or not abuse has taken place. However, it is their responsibility to act on concerns and allegations by referring them to the club's Child Welfare Officer who will pass details to the relevant authority. Any concerns about suspected abuse occurring within the club or elsewhere **must** be reported as soon as possible to:

Mr John Higgins, the Child Protection/Welfare Officer, Mobile: 07894 294 296.

Signed on behalf of WSEH Athletic Club - Mr J. J. Higgins - Child Welfare Officer

Other contacts: NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk Tel: 0207 825 2500 - 24 hr helpline Tel: 0808 800 5000

Child Protection in Sport Unit - www.sportprotects.org.uk Tel: 0116 234 7278.