

THE CHILD

STANDARD 1

Every child's voice is taken into account

- We understand that children and young people have a right to express their views and have these taken into account in decisions that affect them
- We listen and take into account what children and young people say, because we know this is important for their safety and wellbeing
- We give children and young people information they can understand about what to expect in their sport to keep them safe

STANDARD 2

Every child's rights and wellbeing are promoted, supported and safeguarded

- By putting the rights and wellbeing of the child or young person first, we set a positive safeguarding culture. This includes making sure that all decisions have the best interests of children and young people at their centre
- We recognise that early help and support can prevent wellbeing concerns from escalating into child protection concerns
- We have procedures in place to manage child wellbeing concerns

STANDARD 3

Every child is protected from abuse

- We help all children and young people to feel safe and protected while participating in our sport by treating them with respect and being transparent in our work
- We ensure that children and young people are listened to and taken seriously when they make a disclosure about abuse
- We have procedures in place to raise and refer concerns about possible abuse

STANDARD 4

Every child is respected without discrimination

- We take proactive steps to help remove barriers to children and young people accessing our sport
- We take appropriate measures to prevent children and young people experiencing discrimination
- We always challenge discriminatory behaviour/practice towards a child or young person

Standards for child wellbeing and protection in sport

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

THE ADULTS

STANDARD 5

Every child has volunteers and staff working alongside them who have been considered suitable to work with children and young people

- Our volunteers and staff have been through an appropriate appointment and selection process and are considered suitable to work with children and young people
- All our volunteers and staff in regulated roles are members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme

STANDARD 6

Every child has sports coaches and volunteers who are well supported and trained

- We provide all necessary information, guidance and training to volunteers and staff working with or making decisions with children and young people
- We have a culture of encouraging positive practice and challenging poor practice

THE ORGANISATION

STANDARD 7

Every child's sports organisation is managed well and accountable for keeping children and young people safe

- Our board/committee sets a child-centred culture in our sport and is accountable for all decisions made relating to children and young people
- We build relationships within and outwith our sport to support us in safeguarding children and young people
- Our policies and procedures are fully implemented and regularly reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose

STANDARD 8

Every child's sports organisation evaluates how it safeguards children and young people and makes improvements where necessary

- We review the management of all child wellbeing and protection concerns regularly and make changes to our policy or practice where necessary
- To help us keep improving and maintaining a positive safeguarding culture, we listen to the views and suggestions of stakeholders, including children and young people