

Blackheath Fencing Club

Child Protection Policy Statement - Short

Blackheath Fencing Club is committed to ensuring that all young people who play sport have a safe and positive experience. The Club is committed to developing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure that everyone knows and accepts their responsibility in relation to a duty of care for young people.

We recognise that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working within the club to determine if abuse has taken place but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns.

If any person within the club has any doubt as to this policy's relevance to their role and duties then please contact the Club's Welfare Officer.

The Club and those involved with the club will abide by the following principles and statements.

- All young people within the club, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to be protected.
- All young people participating in sport have a right to do so in a safe environment.
- All adults involved with the club will provide a safe, positive and fun sporting experience for young people.
- All suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- The Club will assist coaches, volunteers and officials to remain up to date with the latest safeguarding and child protection issues.
- The club will appoint a Child Welfare Officer whose role is to be responsible for issues concerning child welfare at the club.
- The club will carry out regular risk assessments to ensure the safety of young people and all members of the club.

For a full copy of the British Fencing Child Protection Policy and procedures please view the club's website or ask the Child Welfare Officer or Youth Development Coordinator.

If you are worried or have concerns about possible abuse inside the club that you do not feel comfortable discussing or even outside the club, you can contact social services or the police direct, or the **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline on 0808 800 5000**, or **Childline on 0800 1111**.