

Tamar Canoe Association

Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy - March 2012

The Tamar Canoe Association takes safeguarding children and young people seriously and as such adheres to the recognised best practice guidelines with particular reference to BCU and Canoe England: Codes of Conduct and Ethics and this policy has been developed in line with these and the Cornwall Safeguarding Children Board requirements.

The club recognises it's duty of care to Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults and as such will:- promote the welfare of all it's club members by ensuring that all members and in particular Children and Young people feel safe and free from all forms of abuse from harm or abuse, whilst they are with coaches, volunteers within Club activities.

As such the Club will appoint a Child Protection/Club Welfare Officer/s who will:-

- Raise Awareness of the issues Children and Young people need to be protected from
- Ensure that all coaches have an enhanced Criminal Record Check (CRB) including ensuring that they are not registered as a person who is not allowed to work with children, young people (POCA) or vulnerable adults (POVA).
- Ensure that all coaches working with young people complete the BCU's requirement for Child Protection Training.
- Ensure all club members are aware of the Club's code of conduct and the named person within the Club who is responsible for dealing with Child Protection and vulnerable Adult issues.

Concerns for a Child's welfare outside of the Club

Where a member of the club/ Coach suspects that a child or young person attending the club has suffered or is likely to suffer significant harm if action is not taken, then members will raise this with the Child Protection Officer who will make the appropriate referral to the Local Children's Services Department.

Publicise the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline - 0808 800 5000

Childline 0800 111 www.childline.org.uk

Canoe England 24hr Child Protection Contact - ~~01775701364~~

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