

MSLSC Safeguarding Policy

Every adult has a responsibility to safeguard children and young people. All club members need to be aware that:

- ✓ As a member of the club, there is an added expectation and a legal duty to keep children safe.
- ✓ Failure to do this could result in potential action from external agencies which could lead to prosecution.
- ✓ The club has a moral and legal duty of care to safeguard all children involved in its activities from harm.
- ✓ All children have a right to protection and the needs of disabled children/adults and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The club is committed to the safety and protection of all children involved in all its activities through adherence to safeguarding guidelines adopted by the Club that comply with those provided by SLSGB.

The Club is committed to ensuring that:-

- ✓ The welfare of the child is paramount
- ✓ All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- ✓ All suspicions and allegations of abuse or poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- ✓ All club members who work with children will be recruited with regard to their suitability for that responsibility and will be provided with guidance and/or training in good practice and child protection procedures and checks undertaken where required and able to
- ✓ Working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies is key to promoting young people's welfare.

The Club that anyone who has the responsibility for the care of a child should "do what is reasonable in all circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting a child's welfare" in accordance with The Childrens Act 1989. Adoption of and adherence to this policy is mandatory for any Coaches or Officials operating within the club

The Club committee members, officers, volunteers, coaches, parents, paid staff and the Club members all bear a responsibility to implement the policy, and each has a right to be protected by it. The club is also committed to supporting anyone who, in good faith, reports his or her concerns that they or a colleague, is at risk, or may actually be being abused.

