



Child Protection
in Sport Unit

NSPCC

Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Note: Where we refer to parents we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term children or child describes any person under the age of 18.

As a parent of a child taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to:



The essentials:

- ✓ Make sure your child had the right kit for the session as well as enough to drink
- ✓ Try to make sure your child arrives on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you are running late or going home with someone else
- ✓ Pay your fees, competition entries etc on time
- ✓ Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes
- ✓ Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach and catch up with them as much as you can about your child's development
- ✓ Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement – we want to hear from you
- ✓ Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate with in them
- ✓ Help your child to recognise good performance not just results

Behaviour:

- ✓ Try to learn about your child's sport and what it means to them
- ✓ Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport
- ✓ Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participation in sport like making friends getting exercise and developing skills, it's not all about wins and losses
- ✓ Listen when you child says they don't want to do something
- ✓ Thank about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children
- ✓ Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour from the sidelines, let other parents take their cues from you as well as from us
- ✓ Accept the officials judgment and do not enter the gym
- ✓ Use social media responsibly when talking about the club
- ✓ Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship
- ✓ Encourage your child to play by the rules
- ✓ Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct

As a parent, we understand you have the right to:



- ✓ Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
- ✓ See any of our policies and procedures at any time
- ✓ Know who the welfare officer is and have their contact details
- ✓ Be involved and contribute towards decisions tin the club or activity
- ✓ Know what training and qualifications our staff have
- ✓ Know what happens if there's an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- ✓ Have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial registration form such as trips or photography
- ✓ Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and request set out in this code, if any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we will address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend the club if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code, or aggressive or threatening behaviour may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the event, activity or club permanently.