

Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club

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“Duty of Care”

Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club recognises its moral and legal obligation to ensure that, the coaches and volunteers who have a responsibility for young people within the club provide them with the highest possible standard of care.

Through the implementation of a policy for the “Safeguarding of Young People/Vulnerable Adults” and the support of its coaches and volunteers, Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club will maintain the professionalism and safeguards of good practice, which are associated with the sport of Dragon Boat Racing.

The policy outlines the following key areas:

It recognises the responsibility of all those involved in the club to safeguard and promote the interests and well being of the young people with whom they are working

It provides a framework on the recruitment, selection, suitability and deployment of individuals working with young people

It emphasises the value of working closely in partnership with coaches, parents, professionals and volunteers to protect children and young participants in the sport, from harm and discrimination.

It acknowledges that abuse does take place in sport and that raising awareness and understanding of the main forms of abuse and establishing communication and reporting procedures if abuse is suspected will further safeguard the young participants, coaches and all others working within the club.

To appoint a Child Protection Officer who will act as the first point of contact for any concerns about Welfare of Young People/Vulnerable Adults.

To adapt and implement a policy of “Good Practice” for all adults working with Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

To ensure that all members who have coaching, or management responsibility for Young People undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service/Criminal Records Bureau check.