



**Deeside Gliding Club's  
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY  
(Scotland)**

# DEESIDE GLIDING CLUB'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

**This is the child protection policy for Deeside Gliding Club.**

It aims to:

- Establish clear lines of communication for any child protection issue.
- Avoid confusion for instructors, officials, clubs and volunteers.

There is a considerable body of legislation, government guidance and standards designed to ensure that children are safeguarded from harm. These include:

- *Children (Scotland) Act 1995*
- *Protection of Children Act (Scotland) 2003*
- *Human Rights Act 1998*
- *UN Convention on Rights of the Child*
- *Protecting Children and Young People: Framework of Standards*
- *Protecting Children: A Shared Responsibility (1998).*

Everyone who works with or around children, young people and vulnerable adults needs to be aware of the laws that aim to protect children from harm.

Should you have any queries relating to this policy, please contact any of the following:

DGC Child Protection Officer                      Tel: 07748 074 903  
Susan Jensen

BGA Child Protection Leader                      Tel: 07880 547 176  
BGA Office    Tel: 0116 289 2956

The policy is supported by the BGA Child Protection policy and set of procedures as set out in the BGA document [Child Protection Policy and Procedures](#) which is available from the club on request and can be downloaded from the BGA website.

***If you should have any concerns about the immediate safety of a child or vulnerable adult, refer to sections 8-10 of the above document, but you should not delay; Children's Services and Police are always available.***

# DEESIDE GLIDING CLUB'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

## ***Policy Statement***

### *Deeside Gliding Club's Duty of Care*

Deeside Gliding Club recognises that sport can and does have a very powerful and positive influence on young people. Not only can it provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement; it can also develop valuable qualities such as self-esteem, leadership and teamwork. These positive effects can only take place if sport is in the right hands – in the hands of those who place the welfare of all young people first and adopt practices that support, protect and empower them.

Most youngsters happily and safely participate in sport under the watchful and concerned care of dedicated instructors and club members. However, the reality is also that abuse does take place in sport and in some cases members have been convicted. Every adult has a legal and moral responsibility to protect young people and vulnerable adults in sport from abuse.

The Deeside Gliding Club recognises that we have a duty of care towards young and vulnerable participants and can help to protect them from abuse. (From *Guidelines for Governing Bodies of Sport and Local Authorities*, Sports Coach UK (NCF), NSPCC.)

The Deeside Gliding Club recognises that for Child Protection purposes, a child refers to any person under the age of 16.

### *Principles*

Deeside Gliding Club recognises that:

- The welfare of young people and vulnerable adults is the primary concern.
- All young people whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- It is the responsibility of the child protection experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns.
- All incidents of suspicious poor practice and allegations should be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

### *Rules applying to children at Deeside Gliding Club*

- All children under 16 years must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a nominated responsible adult.
- Children between 16 and 18 may attend the club unaccompanied provided the Child Protection Officer has received a parental consent form. The parental consent must be renewed annually on membership renewal.
- No child may operate any club vehicle, winch, power tool or any other machinery without the prior written permission of both a parent or guardian and the Junior Development Officer.
- No young person may drive a club vehicle without an accompanying, authorised adult unless they are over 14 years of age and signed off by the Junior Development Officer on its operation. Young persons over 13 years of age may commence accompanied driver training.

# DEESIDE GLIDING CLUB'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

## Responsibilities of the Committee

The Deeside Gliding Club Committee is responsible for:

- Approving the policy and the guidelines.
- Appointing the Child Protection Officer and his/her deputy.
- Reviewing the Child Protection arrangements on an annual basis.
- Undertaking appropriate background checks of members and staff who may have increased contact with children and vulnerable adults, e.g. instructors and the Child Protection Officer.

## **Summary of Partnership Responsibilities**

Deeside Gliding Club:

- Accepts the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their wellbeing and protect them from abuse.
- Respects and promotes the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and disabled adults.
- Recruits, trains and supervises its employees and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse and themselves against false allegations.
- Requires staff and members to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and Good Practice Guidelines. Employed staff should abide by Deeside Gliding Club guidelines.
- Responds to allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.

It is intended that all employees and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults will receive training to assist them in the recognition of abuse; the referral process; sensible working practices; and to identify 'appointed persons' within the BGA and at club level, whom staff can contact about child protection issues.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Deeside Gliding Club, held on 23 September 2023

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee



---

Role of signatory

Chairperson

---