

# **Addingham Angling Association**

## **Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy**

The purpose and scope of this policy statement is to offer safeguards to adults at risk\* who are Club members and to promote the following good practice:

- To safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of adults at risk with whom they come into contact with.
- Respond appropriately to concerns.
- Take all reasonable and practical steps to protect adults at risk from harm, discrimination, or degrading treatment.
- Respect and promote adults at risk's rights, wishes and feelings.
- Make informed and confident responses to adults at risk issues.

### **Responsibilities of Club members**

Club members have a duty to understand their responsibilities with regard to adults at risk issues:

- Allow adults at risk access to the sport in a way that is appropriate for their ability.
- Do not subject adults at risk to any form of abuse from any source.
- Do not subject adults at risk to bullying or undue pressure from any source.
- Encourage adults at risk to achieve their full potential at all levels.
- Afford adults at risk respect, confidentiality and privacy in the angling environment.

### **We will seek to keep adults at risk safe by:**

- Valuing, listening to and respecting adults at risk.
- Appointing a nominated Welfare Officer for adults at risk.
- Adopting adults at risk safeguarding best practice through our policies and procedures.
- Informing Club members about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding adults at risk.
- Ensuring that appropriate action is taken in the event of an incident or concern and provide support for the individual or individuals involved.
- Recording and storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance.
- Reviewing and adapting policies and procedures as required.

### **Whistleblowing**

It is important that Club members have the confidence to come forward to speak or act if they have concerns about how adults at risk issues are handled. If you have a concern about an adult at risk in the Club, always talk to the Club Welfare Officer.

**Legal framework**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect adults at risk in England.

**Annual Review**

This policy will be kept under review at all times, and will be subject to review by the Club Committee annually, on or before 28 February.

\*An adult at risk is a person who is over 18 years and at risk of abuse or neglect because of their needs for care or support.

**Associated Documents**

Role of Club Welfare Officer

Confidentiality and Record Keeping

Responding and Reporting a Safeguarding Concern - Process and Procedure