

Addingham Angling Association Safeguarding Young People Policy

The purpose and scope of this policy statement is to offer safeguards to young people* who are Club members and to promote the following good practice:

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

Responsibilities of Club members:

Club members have a duty to understand their responsibilities with regard to child protection:

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

We will seek to keep young people safe by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting young people.
- Appointing a nominated Welfare Officer for young people.
- Adopting young people safeguarding best practice through our policies and procedures.
- Informing Club members about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding young people.
- 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 child protection issues are handled. If you have a concern about a young person in the Club, always talk to the Club Welfare Officer.

In addition, the NSPCC has a whistleblowing advice line: email help@nspcc.org.uk phone 0800 028 0285

Use of Social Media, Mobile Phones and other Digital Technology

All Club members are made aware that it is unlawful to photograph young people without the explicit consent of the person with parental responsibilities.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children 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.

*The term “young people” applies to persons who are under the age of 18 years.

Associated Documents

Role of Club Welfare Officer

Confidentiality and Record Keeping

Responding and Reporting a Safeguarding Concern - Process and Procedure