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Child Protection Policy

Responsibilities

Nithsdale Athletic Club will:

- Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in athletics safely.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its members and coaches.
- Adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.
- Require members, coaches and helpers to adopt and abide by the Child Protection Act and these procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant procedures.

Policies and Procedures will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Principles

The welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting them from abuse, children have a lot to gain from taking part in athletics, their safety and care is Nithsdale Athletic Club's major priority. We as a club will make athletics safe and will implement strict safeguards to make sure this is the case, the following principles and procedures are:

- The welfare of children in athletics is of major importance to Nithsdale Athletic Club
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, status, religious belief's, sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- It is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns about abuse and the responsibility of the social work department and the police department to investigate any claims of abuse reported to them.

These policies will be regularly monitored and reviewed:

- In accordance with any changes in the Child Protection Regulations, legislation and guidance.
- Any changes within Nithsdale Athletic Club or following any issues or concerns raised about the Protection of Children within Nithsdale Athletic Club.

- In all other circumstances, at least annually.