



## **THE TUG OF WAR ASSOCIATION SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT**

The Tug of War Association acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and vulnerable adults are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children, vulnerable adults and their carers

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at Tug of War Association permitted/approved events in a safe environment and
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in tug of war or as a spectator.

The Tug of War Association acknowledges that, vulnerable adults and some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy The Tug of War Association will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- promote and prioritise the safety of vulnerable adults attending our events
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in The Tug of War Association. Failure to comply with the policy and



procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

### **Monitoring**

The policy will be reviewed a year after development (January 2021) and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by national or local statutory bodies, boards, committees or agencies.
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

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