

# **SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTION YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY**

A successful sports club should have a strong and positive influence on its members, especially the younger members.

By adopting an approved Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy TRAC is making a statement that it believes every adult involved with the club has a legal and moral responsibility to protect young members. It demonstrates the importance that TRAC places on the protection of children who use any of the facilities provided at TRAC and ensures every young member is able to enjoy a wide range of activities in a safe environment.

## **Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy Statement**

**TRAC believes that:**

- The Safety and Welfare of children should be of paramount importance whatever the circumstances.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.
- A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief, and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.
- Everyone with a role which brings them into contact with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a Childs Welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- Special Care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or ability makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.
- TRAC as a body does not take the duty of care for casual users of the site and junior members must use the site under the duty of care of their parents or guardian
- User groups who have organised activities at TRAC will assume duty of care as soon as their junior members come through the gate until they leave and they pass on duty of care to an appropriate adult
- Children using TRAC through Twyning School should follow safe guarding policy as set down by Twyning School
- No child (defined by TRAC as anyone 13 years and under) should be allowed access to the Pavilion at any time unsupervised.

**TRAC will ask all Clubs to:**

- **Nominate a Safeguarding Officer to assist with implementing and developing policies and procedures relating to young people within their club**
- **Agree to abide by Terms and Conditions of use of TRAC as set down by the TRAC Committee.**
- **Implement procedures to provide a duty of care for children and vulnerable adults to safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse**
- **Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people**
- **Ensure that advice, guidance and training is available for all volunteers involved with the management of the clubs**
- **Adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse and volunteers from false allegations.**
- **Require all members and visitors to abide by the TRAC equity policy**
- **Respond to all incidents of suspicious poor practice and allegations seriously, swiftly and appropriately**
- **Ensure that the head coach or adult responsible for junior members has immediate access to emergency contact numbers for all junior members**
- **Ensure that no individual be left to take photos during any club training without parental consent and the completion of a photography registration form**
- **Ensure that a DBS check is carried out on any coach wishing to be involved with junior training and match play and that this is renewed every 3 years.**
- **Be committed to ensuring that all volunteers within the club that have access to Young People are DBS checked. Volunteers that have not yet been checked will be required to work ONLY under the supervision of a checked coach or volunteer.**

The above statement was approved at a TRAC Committee meeting held on 18th May 2014

Signed Chairperson of TRAC Committee.....

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