



# CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

**The Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care and recognises it's responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.**

**For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.**

**Staff and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.**

**This document outlines the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling's commitment to protecting children.**

**This policy and these procedures are based on the following principles:**

- The welfare of children is the primary concern.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- Organisations shall work in partnership together with children and parents/carers to promote the welfare, health and development of children.



## **Our Commitment**

**The Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling will:**

- Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in Coarse Angling 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 staff, members, volunteers and coaches to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and these procedures.
- Require its member clubs to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and these procedures or develop their own in line with the requirements of current legislation, and appoint a Child Protection Officer or point of contact for Child Protection issues.
- Support its member clubs and corporate members to develop and implement their own Child Protection Policies and 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 disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.
- Maintain the Child Protection pages on its website at [www.sfca.co.uk/about-us/child-protection](http://www.sfca.co.uk/about-us/child-protection) to provide access to its policy, procedures, information on reporting and responding to concerns, emergency contact numbers, details of training and links to children1st.
- Maintain a database of training and CPD undertaken by all staff, members, volunteers and coaches.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

### **Review**

**This Policy and these Procedures will be regularly reviewed:**

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling.
- At least annually in accordance with the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling Corporate Governance and Risk Management Policy and Annual Business Plan.

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND WEBSITES

<b>Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling</b>	<a href="mailto:cpo@sfca.co.uk">cpo@sfca.co.uk</a>
<b>Safeguarding in Sport</b>	CHILDREN 1 <sup>ST</sup> 61 Sussex Street Glasgow G41 1DY 0141 418 5674 <a href="http://www.safeguardinginsport.org.uk">www.safeguardinginsport.org.uk</a>
<b>sportscotland</b>	Doges, Templeton on the Green 62 Templeton Street Glasgow, G40 1SA 0141 534 6500 <a href="http://www.sportscotland.org.uk">www.sportscotland.org.uk</a>
<b>Help For Clubs</b>	<a href="http://www.helpforclubs.org.uk">www.helpforclubs.org.uk</a>
<b>CHILDREN 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	83 Whitehouse Loan Edinburgh EH9 1AT 0131 446 2300 <a href="http://www.children1st.org.uk">www.children1st.org.uk</a>
<b>ChildLine in Scotland</b>	0800 1111 <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a>
<b>ParentLine Scotland</b>	0800 028 2233 <a href="http://www.parentlinescotland.org.uk">www.parentlinescotland.org.uk</a>
<b>Child Protection in Sport Unit</b> (NSPCC- covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland)	0116 234 7278 <a href="http://www.thecpsu.org.uk">www.thecpsu.org.uk</a>
<b>Scottish Disability Sport</b>	0131 317 1130 <a href="http://www.scottishdisabilitysport.com">www.scottishdisabilitysport.com</a>
<b>Central Registered Body in Scotland</b>	General Helpline: 01786 849 777 <a href="http://www.crbs.org.uk">www.crbs.org.uk</a>
<b>Disclosure Scotland</b>	0870 609 6006 <a href="http://www.disclosure-scotland.org.uk">www.disclosure-scotland.org.uk</a>
<b>Scottish Government</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/childprotection">www.scotland.gov.uk/childprotection</a>
<b>Commissioner for Children and Young People</b>	<a href="http://www.sccyp.org.uk">www.sccyp.org.uk</a>
<b>Volunteer Development Scotland</b>	01786 479 593 <a href="http://www.vds.org.uk">www.vds.org.uk</a>
<b>Legislation</b>	<a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/index.htm">www.opsi.gov.uk/index.htm</a>
<b>Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP)</b>	<a href="http://www.ceop.police.uk">www.ceop.police.uk</a>
<b>Respect Me</b>	<a href="http://www.respectme.org.uk">www.respectme.org.uk</a>
<b>Anti Bullying Network</b>	<a href="http://www.antibullying.net/">www.antibullying.net/</a>