

## **Child Safeguarding Policy Statement**

This is a statement defining the WSKC's stance on child safeguarding issues. It defines what the club is committed to in providing a safe environment for children.

1. The child's welfare is paramount
2. All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to safeguarding from abuse.
3. All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
4. As defined in the Children's Act 1989 anyone under the age of 18 years is considered a child for the purposes of this document and additionally disabled adults will also fall under this policy.

### **Basic Principles**

1. The welfare of young people, (the Children's Act 1989 defines a young person as being under 18 years of age) and disabled adults is the primary concern.
2. All young people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and /or sexual identity have the right to safeguarding from abuse.
3. It is the responsibility of the child safeguarding experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns.
4. All incidents of suspicious, poor practice and allegations will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

The WSKC child safeguarding officer is Mrs Gill Tonge telephone number 07414 971215.

Any concerns should be passed to Gill who will deal with them confidentially.