

# **CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY**

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*Scottish*  
**Volleyball**

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## Introduction

Scottish Volleyball is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the 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 Scottish Volleyball commitment to protecting children and young people.

These guidelines 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.
- 🌀 Safeguarding 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.

## Scottish Volleyball will :

- 🌀 Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in Volleyball in a safe environment.
- 🌀 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.
- 🌀 Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Child Protection & Wellbeing Policy 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 disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- 🌀 Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection & Wellbeing Committees for the protection of children.
- 🌀 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 Scottish Volleyball.
- 🌀 Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within Scottish Volleyball.
- 🌀 In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

## Further Information

If you have any questions in relation to your Club's Child Protection requirements, please contact the Scottish Volleyball Welfare Officer via email ([welfare@scottishvolleyball.org](mailto:welfare@scottishvolleyball.org)).

Please visit <https://www.scottishvolleyball.org/coaching-workforce/wellbeing-protection/> for information on the following procedures:

- 🌀 Responding to concerns about a child
- 🌀 Concerns about the conduct of a member of staff/volunteer
- 🌀 Significant Incident Form (Online / Paper Copy)
- 🌀 Trips Away from Home (involving Overnight Stays)
- 🌀 Use of Photographs, film and video
- 🌀 Clubhouses and Changing Rooms
- 🌀 Volunteers Aged 18 or Under
- 🌀 Preventing & Responding to Bullying Behaviour
- 🌀 Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and Social Media
- 🌀 Safe in Care Guidelines
- 🌀 Transporting Children & Collection by Parents/Carers