

# ACES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CLUB

## Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy

### Position Statement

The Club has a duty of care to safeguard all children and vulnerable people involved in its activities from harm. All children and vulnerable people have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The Club will ensure the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable people involved in its activities through adherence to the Child Protection guidelines (Safety Nets) adopted by all involved in any aspect of disability sport as defined by British Wheelchair Basketball.

### Definitions

- A child is defined as under 18 under The Children Act 1989.
- A Vulnerable Adult is defined as any person aged 18 or over who:
- Is or may be in need of assistance by reason of mental, physical or learning disability, age or illness, and who:
- Is or may be unable to take care of him or herself or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or serious exploitation which may be occasioned by the actions of inactions of other people"
- All vulnerable people regardless of age, gender, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity, have a right to be protected from abuse.

### Welfare Officer

### Statement of Intent

The Club will:

- Appoint and name the club's Welfare Officer who shall be a member of the Committee.
- The name and contact details of the Welfare Officer shall be communicated to all club members
- The Welfare Officer and all Coaching staff shall be DBS checked in accordance with best practice.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes & feelings of the people the policy wishes to protect.
- Ensure that effective procedures are in place, regularly reviewed and updated in line with legislation.
- Protect athletes/ sports people, staff, volunteers etc
- Ensure those working within the organisation are safe to do so
- Ensure all staff and volunteers are equipped to implement the policies and procedures.
- Strive to ensure that any partner organisations have appropriate policies and procedures in place
- Actively promote the policies and procedures
- Ensure that all incidents of suspicious poor practice, and allegations should be taken seriously and handled effectively (link to data protection)

- Commit to provide appropriate support to:
  - Those at risk of abuse
  - Those accused
  - Those reporting concerns / incidents

The Club is a member club of British Wheelchair Basketball and is governed by the rules, policies and regulations of the in respect of child protection and vulnerable adults.

Signed  
Jeremy Strange  
Chairman

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