

Policy Statement

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

The Scottish Volleyball Association believes:

- That the safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever the circumstances.
- That everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and a legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from harm or the risk of harm.
- That special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or physical state makes them particularly vulnerable to harm.

Scottish Volleyball:

- Has therefore adopted this Child Protection Policy to ensure that the welfare and safety of children in the SVA's care or custody is always the primary consideration.
- Is committed to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy volleyball free from actual or the fear of harassment or harm.

The Policy is predicated on the following three principles:

1. A child's welfare is the paramount consideration.
2. A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from harm.
3. The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.

Young people participate in sport for many reasons including to make friends, have fun and learn new skills. Whilst competing and participating in volleyball activities young people have certain rights that should allow them to get the most from their experiences. The Scottish Volleyball Association believe every young person has the right:

- To participate in volleyball.
- To be treated with respect by all adults and players.
- To compete and train as a child.
- To report any problems to the Club's Child Protection Officer.
- To be considered for every match or competition.
- To train and compete safely and have appropriate medical treatment if required.
- To be coached by an SVA qualified coach.
- To have fun.

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS (CPO)

The implementation of the policy and good practice guidance requires increased awareness and active involvement from all those involved in working with young people. The Scottish Volleyball Association have identified Child Protection Officers as key individuals in leading this process at national, regional, district and club level. Such individuals will promote good practice and provide the main contact for issues related to ensuring safe recruitment of volunteers and responding to concerns/allegations or disclosures.

Role descriptions, guidance and training to help in supporting these critical positions have been developed and are available on request from the SVA office



The Children (s) Act 1995 states that anyone who is involved in the care of children should 'do what is reasonable in all circumstances to safeguard the child's health, development and welfare.'