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Child and Protected Adult Protection Policy Statement

Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare and rights of all children, young people and protected adults in its care and recognises its responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and protect all members from harm, abuse and exploitation.

We recognise the child's rights to protection as provided in Article 19 of the UNCRC: all forms of physical or mental violence, injury and abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse. 'Child protection' means protecting a child from child abuse or neglect, as stated within the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014.

For the purposes of this policy a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years. This policy applies to all children regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, socio-economic status or family circumstance.

Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club will:

- Ensure the welfare of children, and people and protected adults is the primary concern.
- Respect and promote the rights of children, young people and protected adults for whom they are responsible.
- Accept the moral and legal responsibility to provide a duty of care for children and protected adults for whom they are responsible, and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard their well-being and protect them from all forms of abuse.
- Promote the health and welfare of children and protected adults by providing opportunities to participate in powerchair football safely.
- Safely recruit, train, support and supervise its staff/volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and protected adults for whom they are responsible from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.
- Require members of staff and volunteers, to adopt and abide by this policy and sign up to the Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children's Wellbeing.



- Respond to any allegations of abuse in line with these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy, these procedures and associated safeguards and include children's views in this process.
- Review and evaluate this policy and supporting procedures on a regular basis.
- Ensure all children and protected adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- Ensure all incidents of alleged poor practice and abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Confidentiality is upheld and personal data is processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

REVIEW

This policy and associated procedures will be regularly reviewed and will include children's participation and feedback on the content and actual experience of implementation as part of the review:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection and safeguarding of children or following any changes within Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club.
- Following any issue or concern raised about the protection and safeguarding of children within Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club.

In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

Ayrshire Tigers Powerchair Football Club SCIO abides by, the SFA Child Well-Being and Protected Adult Protection Policies.



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