



## **Safeguarding Policy**

This policy applies to Bideford BMX Club.

### **The purpose of this policy**

- To protect all children and young people using Bideford BMX Club.
- To protect vulnerable adults using Bideford BMX Club.
- To provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

Bideford BMX Club believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. The Club has a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults to keep them safe. Bideford BMX Club is committed to practise in a way that protects them.

### **Legal Framework**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special Educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice: 0 – 25 years – Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special needs or disabilities: HM Government 2014
- Information Sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people and carers: HM Government 2015
- Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children: HM Government 2015
- Guidance from the Child Protection in Sport Unit 2017



## **This policy should be read alongside:**

- British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy 2017  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc\\_files/safeguarding/20170206-Safeguarding\\_and\\_Protecting\\_Children.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/20170206-Safeguarding_and_Protecting_Children.pdf)
- British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Vulnerable Adults Policy 2017 Practice  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc\\_files/safeguarding/20170206-Safeguarding\\_and\\_Protecting\\_Vulnerable\\_Adults.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/20170206-Safeguarding_and_Protecting_Vulnerable_Adults.pdf)
- Guidance from the Child Protection in Sport Unit 2017  
<http://www.thecpsu.org.uk/>
- British Cycling Code of conduct  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc\\_files/safeguarding/SG\\_1.1\\_British\\_Cycling\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/SG_1.1_British_Cycling_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)
- British Cycling Equality policy  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc\\_files/safeguarding/SG\\_1.2\\_British\\_Cycling\\_Equality\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/SG_1.2_British_Cycling_Equality_Policy.pdf)
- British Cycling Anti-Bullying Guidance  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc\\_files/safeguarding/SG\\_1.5\\_Anti-bullying\\_guidance\\_for\\_cycling\\_clubs.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/SG_1.5_Anti-bullying_guidance_for_cycling_clubs.pdf)

All Safeguarding Guidance is held in the Bideford BMX Club Clubhouse. Forms can also be downloaded online

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/safeguarding>

## **Bideford BMX Club recognise that:**

- The welfare of children is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.
- The welfare of vulnerable adults is paramount and Bideford BMX Club will take all reasonable steps to protect vulnerable adults from harm and degrading treatment



and to protect their rights, wishes and feelings.

- All information regarding the welfare of children and young people and vulnerable adults will be held securely and confidentiality respected.

### **Bideford BMX Club seek to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe by**

- Valuing them, listening to them and respecting them
- Adhering to the **British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy 2017**
- Adhering to the **British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Vulnerable Adults Policy 2017**
- Taking Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns seriously and reporting to the Multi-Agency Steering Hub and British Cycling Safeguarding Lead
- Using Safeguarding Procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately
- Reviewing and updating policies and procedures on a yearly basis.
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely, and sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children, their families, staff and volunteers via leaflets, posters, one to one discussions.
- Using procedures to manage any allegations against staff or volunteers appropriately.
- Ensuring a safe physical environment is provided for club users by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- Volunteers, coaches and committee members with **significant access** to children and young people and vulnerable groups must request a DBS from British Cycling.
- All volunteers, helpers, coaches, club and committee members, race officials, commissaires are required to read and adhere to the British Cycling Safeguarding Children and Young People **British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy 2017** and the **British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Vulnerable Adults Policy 2017**.

Bideford BMX Club are committed to reviewing the policy and good practice annually. Copies of the safeguarding policies are displayed in the clubhouse.

Contact Grace Flavell – Club Welfare Officer 07889 595707

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### **Useful Contacts**

If you have concern that a child is being harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must not keep these concerns to yourself. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. You need to ensure



that you either speak to your own organisations 'Designated Safeguarding Officer' or the Devon Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) both of whom can listen to and record your concern, and then take appropriate action.

In Devon, these are the numbers that you can ring for advice and to make a referral:

**Devon M.A.S.H Contact Details:**

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H)

PO Box 723

Exeter

EX1 9QS

Tel: 0345 155 1071

Fax: 01392 448951

E-mail: [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk)

- Devon Early Help Team 0345 1551071
- Devon Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01392 386013
- Devon Emergency Duty Team 0845 6000388
- NSPCC 24-hour National Child Protection Helpline on 0808 800 5000.
- If you have reason to believe that a child is at immediate risk of harm, ring the police on 999

**Bideford BMX Club**

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Devon & Torbay Children Safeguarding Boards [www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org](http://www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org).

VOYC Devon (Voluntary organisation for young people & children) [www.voyc.org.uk/welcome-voyc-devon](http://www.voyc.org.uk/welcome-voyc-devon).

Child Protection in Sport Unit

<http://www.thecpsu.org.uk/>

Childline

Tel: 0800 1111

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC

Tel: 0808 800 5000

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)