



# TAEKWONDO COUNCIL UK

## Child Safeguarding Policy

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## Introduction

Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK) is fully committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and welfare of all children participating in Taekwondo activities.

This policy sets out TCUK's UK-wide approach to safeguarding children, including the prevention of abuse, neglect, harm, and exploitation, and the procedures to be followed when concerns arise.

This policy applies across **England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland**, recognising that statutory safeguarding systems and reporting routes differ between the home nations.

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect children from harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation while participating in Taekwondo activities.
  - Promote a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for children.
  - Ensure compliance with **relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance across all UK home nations**.
  - Provide clear guidance on roles, responsibilities, and procedures for safeguarding children.
  - Support early identification of safeguarding concerns and appropriate reporting to statutory agencies.
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## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All TCUK members
- Staff and volunteers
- Coaches, instructors, officials, and referees
- Anyone acting on behalf of Taekwondo Council UK

This policy applies to all Taekwondo-related activities, events, training, competitions, and environments involving children.

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## 3. Definitions

### Child:

A person under the age of 18 years.

### Safeguarding:

The actions taken to protect children from harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and to promote their health, development, and wellbeing.

### Child Protection:

The specific actions taken when there are concerns that a child may be experiencing, or is at risk of, significant harm.

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## 4. Legal and Statutory Framework

Taekwondo Council UK is committed to complying with **all relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance applicable within each UK home nation**, including but not limited to:

### England and Wales

- Children Act 1989 and Children Act 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (statutory guidance)

### Scotland

- Children (Scotland) Act 1995

- National Child Protection Guidance
- Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) framework

#### **Northern Ireland**

- Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995
- Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland

#### **UK-wide**

- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Relevant data protection legislation

TCUK recognises that **terminology, statutory agencies, and procedures differ between home nations** and requires all safeguarding concerns to be managed in accordance with **local statutory guidance and reporting arrangements**.

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## **5. Safeguarding Procedures**

### **5.1 Recognition and Response**

All members, staff, volunteers, and coaches must be able to recognise the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and understand their responsibility to act.

Any concern regarding a child's welfare or safety **must be reported immediately** to the designated Safeguarding Officer or Safeguarding Team.

### **5.2 Risk Assessment and Support**

- Risk assessments must be undertaken to identify and manage potential risks to children.
- Activities must be planned and delivered to ensure children can participate safely.
- Individual needs, abilities, and wellbeing must be considered at all times.

### **5.3 Confidentiality and Information Sharing**

- Information about children must be handled sensitively and confidentially.
- Information will only be shared on a **need-to-know basis** and in line with data protection legislation.
- Where a child may be at risk of harm, confidentiality must not prevent information being shared with appropriate safeguarding authorities.

### **5.4 Reporting Concerns**

- All safeguarding concerns must be recorded and reported promptly.
- Concerns will be managed in accordance with **local safeguarding and child protection procedures** relevant to the home nation in which the concern arises.
- Where necessary, referrals will be made to appropriate statutory agencies, including:
  - Local Authority Children's Services (England, Wales, Northern Ireland)
  - Local Authority Social Work Services (Scotland)
  - Police or emergency services

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## **6. Prevention and Safeguarding Culture**

TCUK is committed to preventing harm by:

- Promoting a culture of respect, dignity, inclusion, and child-centred practice.
  - Ensuring safe recruitment, appropriate training, and clear codes of conduct.
  - Providing safeguarding training and resources to all relevant individuals.
  - Encouraging children, parents, and carers to raise concerns without fear.
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## **7. Communication, Monitoring, and Review**

- This policy will be communicated to all members, staff, volunteers, and coaches.
  - It will be published on the TCUK website and made available upon request.
  - The policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure continued compliance with legislation and best practice.
  - Learning from safeguarding incidents, audits, and feedback will inform ongoing improvement.
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## **8. Key Contacts**

### **TCUK Safeguarding Team**

Email: [safeguarding@tkdngb.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@tkdngb.co.uk)

Telephone: 0121 271 0887

### **Local Safeguarding Services**

Refer to your Local Authority or local safeguarding partnership website for relevant contact details.

**Emergency Services:** 999

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000

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## **Conclusion**

Taekwondo Council UK is fully committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare across all Taekwondo activities.

By implementing this policy and working in partnership with statutory agencies and stakeholders across the UK, TCUK aims to ensure that children can participate in Taekwondo in a **safe, supportive, and nurturing environment**.