



TAEKWONDO COUNCIL UK

Statement of Intent

At Taekwondo Council UK, safeguarding the welfare of our members, particularly children and vulnerable adults, is paramount. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all participants involved in our activities, ensuring their physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

Our intention is to uphold the highest standards of safeguarding practice throughout all aspects of our organization, including training sessions, competitions, events, and any affiliated programs. We recognize that safeguarding is not just a legal obligation but a moral responsibility that we must actively uphold.

To achieve this, we pledge to:

1. Implement comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures that comply with relevant legislation and best practices. These policies will cover areas such as recruitment, training, supervision, and reporting of concerns.
2. Provide regular safeguarding training and guidance to all our staff, coaches, volunteers, and officials. This training will enable them to recognize signs of abuse, respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns, and create a culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
3. Conduct thorough background checks, including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, for all individuals in positions of trust, particularly those working with children and vulnerable adults.
4. Foster an open and transparent environment where participants feel safe to voice their concerns or raise any issues related to safeguarding. We will take all reports seriously and handle them with sensitivity, confidentiality, and urgency.
5. Work collaboratively with relevant authorities, including local safeguarding boards and law enforcement agencies, to address safeguarding concerns effectively and ensure the welfare of those involved.
6. Regularly review and update our safeguarding policies and procedures in line with any changes in legislation, guidance, or best practice, to continually improve our safeguarding practices.

By adhering to these principles and taking proactive measures, Taekwondo Council UK is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment where all individuals can participate, learn, and excel in the sport of taekwondo without fear of harm or exploitation.