



## 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, inclusive, and child-centred environment.
- Ensure compliance with relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance across all UK Home Nations.
- Provide clear guidance on safeguarding roles, responsibilities, and reporting procedures.
- Support early identification of safeguarding concerns and appropriate referral to statutory agencies.

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### 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- all TCUK members,
- Board Directors,
- Management Committee members,
- sub-committees,
- panels,
- working groups,
- staff and volunteers,
- coaches, instructors, officials, and referees,
- affiliated clubs and associations,

- and anyone acting on behalf of Taekwondo Council UK.

This policy applies to all Taekwondo-related activities, events, training, competitions, online environments, and activities 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, exploitation, and unsafe practice, while promoting their health, development, wellbeing, and welfare.

#### **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
- Children Act 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children

#### **Scotland**

- Children (Scotland) Act 1995
- National Child Protection Guidance
- GIRFEC (Getting It Right for Every Child)

#### **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, safeguarding procedures, and reporting structures differ between the 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, instructors, officials, and those acting on behalf of TCUK must:

- recognise signs of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and unsafe practice,
- understand their safeguarding responsibilities,
- and act appropriately where concerns arise.

Any safeguarding concern regarding a child's welfare or safety must be reported immediately to the designated safeguarding structure or appropriate statutory authority where necessary.

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## 5.2 Risk Assessment and Support

- Risk assessments must be undertaken to identify and manage potential safeguarding risks.
  - Activities must be planned and delivered to support safe participation.
  - Individual needs, vulnerabilities, disabilities, communication needs, and wellbeing must be considered wherever reasonably practicable.
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## 5.3 Confidentiality and Information Sharing

- Information relating to children must be handled sensitively and confidentially.
  - Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.
  - Where a child may be at risk of harm, confidentiality must not prevent information being shared with relevant safeguarding authorities or emergency services.
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## 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 appropriate, referrals may be made to:
    - Local Authority Children's Services,
    - Social Work Services,
    - Police,
    - emergency services,
    - or other statutory safeguarding agencies.
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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 safer recruitment, DBS compliance, safeguarding training, and clear Codes of Conduct,
  - supporting appropriate safeguarding supervision and reporting structures,
  - encouraging children, parents, carers, instructors, and members to raise concerns without fear,
  - and promoting safeguarding awareness across all Taekwondo activity.
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## 7. Communication, Monitoring, and Review

- This policy will be communicated to all members, clubs, staff, volunteers, instructors, officials, and relevant stakeholders.
  - The policy will be published on the TCUK website and made available upon request.
  - The policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure continued compliance with legislation, safeguarding standards, and emerging best practice.
  - Learning arising from safeguarding concerns, incidents, reviews, audits, and feedback may inform future policy development and safeguarding improvements.
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## 8. Key Contacts and Reporting Information

Current safeguarding contacts, reporting routes, safeguarding guidance, and support information can be found within the TCUK safeguarding section of the website:

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/safeguarding>

In an emergency where a child is at immediate risk of harm:

- contact emergency services on 999,
- and/or contact relevant statutory safeguarding authorities.

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 clubs, instructors, statutory agencies, volunteers, parents, carers, and stakeholders across the UK, TCUK aims to ensure that children can participate in Taekwondo within a safe, supportive, inclusive, and positive environment.

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## **Approval**

Approved operationally by: TCUK CEO & Safeguarding Team

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Subject to formal Board ratification at the next Board meeting

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