

Fencing Club Welfare

Duty of Care and Child Protection Policy

Bristol Blades Fencing Club recognises its responsibility for the safety of all its members, and to protect and safeguard the welfare of the children and young people entrusted to the club's care.

All children (i.e. those under the age of 18) regardless of age, disability, race, religious belief, and sexual identity have a right to be protected from abuse.

The welfare of children is everybody's responsibility particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone – administrators, coaches, parents, friends, children themselves can help and have a responsibility to keep children safe.

Our club is guided by and compliant with the welfare and child protection policies laid down by British fencing: <http://www.britishfencing.com/governance/welfare/>

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

As outlined by British Fencing it is club policy that any individual over the age of 16 who has regular contact with young people, for example coaching, referee, armourer, and volunteers, to be criminal records checked. This is undertaken by the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS).

Ask our club welfare officer for advice and support on obtaining the appropriate DBS check through British fencing.

http://www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/10_criminal_records_checks.pdf

Our Coaches have attended recognised child protection in sport training and are DBS checked and are on the British Fencing coach register:

<https://www.britishfencing.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/02102018-Coaches-Register-by-COUNTY.pdf>

Our nominated club welfare officer is:

Jane Glydon



Email: safeguardingbristolblades@gmail.com

Telephone: 07973 73 79 73

Or contact:

British Fencing Equality and Safeguarding Manager Liz Behnke on:

07717740125 or for urgent issues 07526003030

Bullying

Our club is family orientated and we are committed to providing a friendly, nurturing, safe environment for all members. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and all members should feel that they are able to tell the coaches, fencing leaders, the welfare officer or a trusted adult of any incidents. Reported incidents will be taken seriously and dealt with promptly and effectively.

For more information see the following British Fencing links:

For young people:

http://www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/15_leaflet_for_children_and_young_people.pdf

http://www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/3_anti-bullying.pdf

Codes of Conduct

Bristol Blades Fencing Club has adopted British Fencing's codes of conduct for coaches, parents, carers and young people.

http://www.britishfencing.com/governance/welfare/welfare_documents_and_Resources/

Photographic and Video Policy

Photography and videoing can play an important part in a fencer's journey whether it be memories of a first fencing kit, first tournament or for training purposes.

It is important to remember that no image can be taken of any child or young person without their consent and the consent of the parent or carer.

It may not be published without clear purpose of its intent and must not cause any embarrassment to the individual. Please make sure permission is sought by the individual and the coaches before any photography or videoing is taken i.e. within the sports hall, club competitions and camps.

The club membership form incorporates a tick box for opting out of any photography or videoing.

First Aid

Our coaches are First Aid qualified and have access to first aid kits.

All fencers must complete a membership form including the contact details of parents, carers, and In Case of Emergency numbers (ICE).

Club coaches must be informed of any medical conditions of young people at the club where appropriate.

Useful links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/photography-sharing-images-guidance/>

http://www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/8_photography_policy.pdf