



ACU
Child /Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy

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1. Introduction

ACU believes that all children/vulnerable adults have the right to be safe and enjoy their involvement in motor sport. ACU is committed to helping and supporting everyone involved to accept their personal and collective responsibility to safeguard children/vulnerable adults from harm or abuse.

ACU is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all children/vulnerable adults to participate in motor sport.

All Participants who work with children in a Regulated or whose activities are covered by ACU Regulations are required at all times to fully comply with this policy and all supporting guidance published from time to time.

ACU Policy Statement:

- The welfare of the child/vulnerable adult is paramount
- All children/vulnerable adults regardless of age gender ability or disability, faith, size, language or sexual identity have the right to protection from harm and abuse of any type.
- All allegations, suspicions of harm and/or abuse and related concerns will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly fairly and appropriately
- Everyone is required to work in partnership to promote the welfare, health, safety and development of children

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to all Participants involved in ACU permitted events or activities.

3. Geographical variation

ACU Safeguarding Policy is written as an umbrella policy for universal application across the United Kingdom. As a minimum requirement all ACU-Recognised Promoters/Centres/Clubs are required to adhere to ACU Safeguarding Policy and ACU Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct and all related procedures and guidance as published from time to time.

4. Definitions

Safeguarding is a broader term but includes 'Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection' which is primarily concerned with prevention activities.

Child means a person under the age of 18 as defined by the Children Act 1989

Vulnerable Adult: Any person aged 18 or over who is or may be in need of assistance by reason of mental or physical or learning impairment

Child Protection is the specific aspect of Safeguarding that is intended to protect children from harm or abuse or risk of harm or abuse. (Vulnerable Adult included)

Participants means all and any but not limited to Entrant, Competitor, coaches, volunteers, teams, employees, and anyone attending for an ACU Permitted Event and / or involved in motor sport falling under the territory of ACU whether or not they are ACU members.

5. Roles and responsibilities

As the national governing body ACU will publicise this policy and provide support and guidance for affiliated Promoters, Clubs and Participants. This support will include producing template policies, procedures and good practice guidance.

ACU recognises the roles and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in Safeguarding children/vulnerable adults and the responsibilities and expertise of the relevant agencies in determining whether young people have or may have been abused or otherwise harmed or are at risk of harm. ACU will co-operate with all requests from Local Authorities Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) or their equivalent Local Area Designated Officers (LADO) and the Police in relation to all child Safeguarding issues.

ACU is committed to providing access to appropriate advice and support and ensuring that concerns relating to the Safeguarding of children are taken seriously and acted upon swiftly and appropriately.

ACU will ensure there is a clear commitment throughout the sport to the importance of Safeguarding and generally promoting children's welfare in motor sport.

ACU does require Trainers to undergo Safeguarding training.

Safeguarding children in the motorcycling environment

All Promoters/Centres/Clubs who engage with children/vulnerable adults as competitors, officials or members must have in place a Safeguarding Policy and a Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct in line with this policy. Promoters/Centres/Clubs may wish to refer to and adopt ACU Safeguarding Policy & Code of Conduct templates.

Club Safeguarding Officer

All ACU Promoters/Clubs who engage with children/vulnerable adults (as above) must appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO). **(normally The Secretary of the Meeting or a person who is an official at that event)**

Club Safeguarding Officers have responsibility to ensure that they:

- Comply with the duties and key responsibilities listed in the Club Safeguarding Officer Role Description document.

ACU Promoters/Centres/Clubs are required to:

- Comply with this policy and supporting guidance
- Provide support for the CSO and ensure they are included in all ACU Safeguarding communications

6. Reacting to concerns about the welfare and safety of children/vulnerable adults

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. This means that every participant in motorcycling has a responsibility to respond to any concerns that they or others may have about a child/vulnerable adult or the behaviour of an adult in connection with a child/vulnerable adult.

There are four main categories of child abuse:

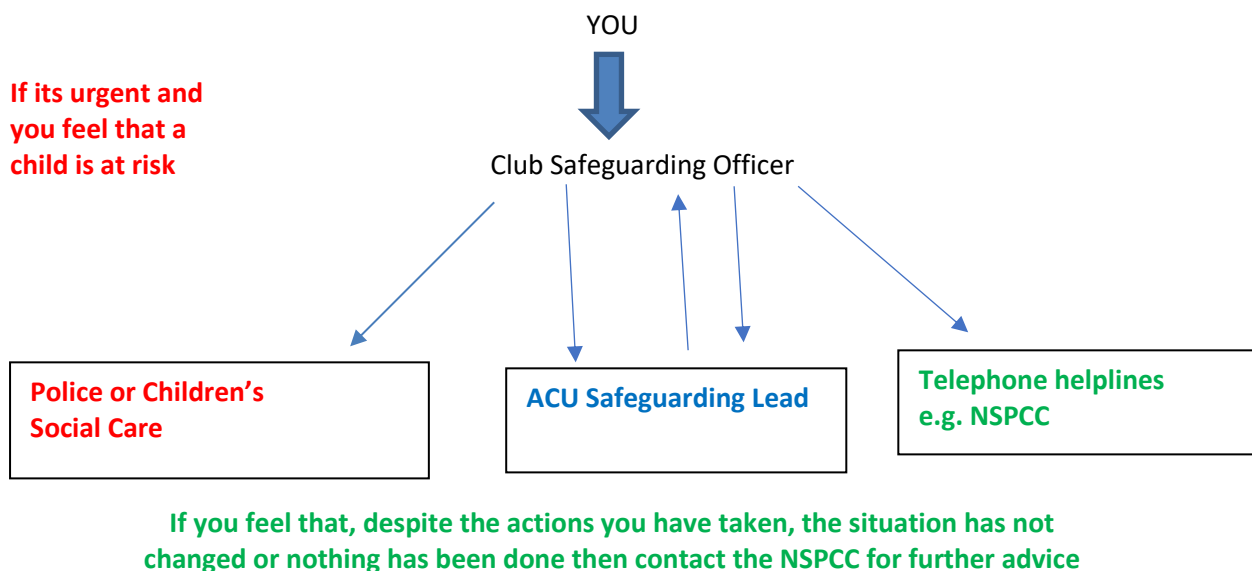
1. Neglect.
2. physical abuse.
3. sexual abuse.
4. emotional abuse.

Any allegations of abuse will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

All participants whose activities are covered by this policy must report any Safeguarding concerns to the Club Safeguarding Officer who must pass on to ACU Compliance Officer as soon as possible.

The following process for handling concerns about the welfare and safety of children/vulnerable adults must be followed by ACU Promoters/Centres/Clubs & Participants:

Taking Appropriate Action



7. Further information

A range of ACU Safeguarding documents templates and guidance can be accessed via the ACU website.