



Ice-Skate UK (Scotland)

**Policy
for the protection of
Children**

***"Creating a Safe Environment
for Children
Whilst Skating in Scotland"***

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Child Protection Policy

Ice-Skate UK (Scotland) will

- **Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in Ice Skating safely.**
- **Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children.**
- **Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and protect them from abuse.**
- **Recruit, train, support and supervise its members to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.**
- **Require members, and member clubs to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and any subsequent Procedures.**
- **Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this Policy as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.**
- **Comply with the obligations set within *The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (Disqualified from Working with Children List)***

Principles

The welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting them from abuse. Children have a lot to gain from sport. Their natural sense of fun and spontaneity can blossom in a positive environment created by sports organisations. It provides an excellent opportunity for them to learn new skills, become more confident and maximise their own unique potential. This Policy, and any subsequent Procedures, is based on the following principles:

- The welfare of children is the paramount concern.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- It is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns about abuse and the responsibility of the Social Work Department and the Police to conduct, where appropriate, a joint investigation.
- All incidents of alleged poor practice, misconduct and abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All personal data will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

This Policy and subsequent Procedures will be regularly monitored and reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or any changes within Ice Skate UK (Scotland) or The National Ice Skating Association of the UK.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children or vulnerable adults within Ice Skate UK (Scotland) or The National Ice Skating Association of the UK.
- At least annually.

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