

Woking Swimming Club Child Protection Policy

Please read the Child Protection Guidelines below:

- 1. WSC recognise that all children and young persons have the right to be protected and to enjoy their chosen sport free from all forms of abuse and exploitation.
- 2. WSC also believe it is everyone's responsibility within the club to protect children.
- 3. WSC will encourage all who work with children/young persons within the Club to attend a child protection course
- 4. WSC accepts that the welfare of the child is paramount as per the Children's Act 1989
- 5. All allegations of alleged abuse will be taken seriously, acted upon and responded to within an appropriate time frame
- 6. All those within WSC have a responsibility to report child protection concerns to the Child Welfare Officer, a member of the coaching staff or a member of the executive committee
- 7. If abuse is suspected then the Welfare Officer will refer the matter to the relevant statutory or voluntary bodies
- 8. All those seeking employment with WSC, or who work/volunteer to work within the club will have to undergo the relevant checks including CRB to ensure suitability in accordance with both current government legislation and ASA guidelines. Anyone refusing to undergo these checks will not be eligible to work or help with children in WSC
- 9. All those who work/ help with WSC have a duty to familiarise themselves with current ASA child welfare guidelines.
- 10. WSC will re view this policy annually or if a major change in legislation occurs