

**Child Protection & Wellbeing Policy Statement
Edinburgh Sports Club**



This club is fully committed to safeguarding, promoting and supporting the protection and wellbeing of all children in our care. We recognise our responsibility to promote safe practise and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. We embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of all children and young people. Everyone at the club is made aware of the policies and procedures in place to protect children in our care and to promote their wellbeing.

Underpinning principles

1. A child is recognised as someone who is under the age of 18.
2. A child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of sporting activities.
3. The protection and wellbeing of all children in our care is everyone's responsibility.
4. A child, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse
5. A child has the right to express views on all matters that affect them, should they wish to do so
6. A child's rights, wishes and feelings is respected and promoted
7. The way to promote the wellbeing, health and development of a child is to work in partnership with the child, parents/carers and other relevant organisations.

To keep children safe in our club we:

Promote the wellbeing of children through opportunities to take part in sport safely.

Have policies and procedures to promote the wellbeing and protection of children.

Have an appointed Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer.

Recruit, train and support our sports volunteers/staff to prioritise the wellbeing of children who take part in our activities and protect them from harm

Require the sports volunteers/staff to adopt and abide by the child protection policy and procedures including the Code of Conduct for working with children

Respond to any child wellbeing or protection concerns in line with our policy and procedures.

Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the child protection and wellbeing policy and procedures regularly.

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child at our club, please do not hesitate to contact the Club Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO): Jonathan Tait

manager@edinburghsportsclub.co.uk

0131 539 7071

Or Child.Protection@scottishsquash.org or safeguarding@lta.org.uk

If you have an immediate and serious concern about the safety of a child, contact the police and/or your local social work child protection team. Contact details or social work can be found on the relevant local authority website. NSPCC have a 24/7 helpline - 0808 800 5000