

Edinburgh Diving Club

The Royal Commonwealth Pool



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

This policy statement has been drawn up with reference to the Scottish Swimming Child Protection Information Pack.

Edinburgh Diving Club believes that Good Practice is as follows:

1. The safeguarding of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone in diving – administrator, club official, Coach, parent, friend, children themselves, everyone - can help. Children and young people have a lot to gain from diving. Their natural sense of fun and spontaneity can blossom in positive sporting environments. Diving provides an excellent opportunity for children to learn new skills, become more confident and maximise their own unique potential. The Club will place the needs of the child first and winning the competition second.
2. The underlying principles with respect to Child Protection are that: -
 - The child's welfare is the first consideration.
 - All children, regardless of age, any disability they have, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have the right to be protected from abuse.
 - Children and young people must be treated with Integrity and respect.
 - Children and young people's programmes and competitions will be relevant to their ages and stages of development.
3. We are committed to following the current Scottish Swimming's Child Protection Guidelines. All EDC regular adult volunteers are members of Scottish Swimming.
4. The Club: -
 - Aims to create an enjoyable environment, where young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat.
 - Acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.
 - Will aim to ensure that junior members have specific programmes designated for them with adequate supervision.
 - Is committed to ensuring that all new helpers, whatever their role, complete a Club Registration Form, sign a relevant Code of Conduct, hold a protecting vulnerable groups (PVG) form and complete A Self-Declaration Form in relation to Child Protection.
 - Will follow clear and comprehensive procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse / requests for help and support on a confidential basis.
 - Provides clear, comprehensive, easily understood procedures for dealing with:
 - i. Allegations of abuse.
 - ii. Requests for help and support on a confidential basis
 - Is committed to an equitable recruitment selection policy for Coaches.
 - Will always emphasise fair play.
 - Will encourage all members to respect their responsibilities as outlined in their relevant Code of Conduct.
5. Review – This policy will be regularly reviewed: -
 - In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within Scottish Swimming.
 - Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within the Edinburgh Diving Club.
 - In all other circumstances, at least every 3 years.
6. Our Child protection Officer is: -
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