



Reviewed for the 2011 race season

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Quad Racing Scotland

Child protection policy statement

QRS is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and neglect. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of all children particularly those who are more vulnerable must be taken into account.

QRS will strive to ensure the safety and protection of all children involved with Quad Racing Scotland through adherence to the child protection guidelines adopted by the club.

Both committee members and volunteers of QRS will work together to promote the rights of children and young people.

A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 years as stated in The Children Act 1989.

Principles

- The welfare of children is the primary concern
- Child protection is everyone's responsibility
- Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so
- Quad Racing Scotland shall work in partnership together with children and parents to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

Policy aims

- Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in quad racing
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from abuse
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its staff members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and these procedures. In turn this will help all involved to make more informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this policy and these procedures as well as implementing where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures
- Quad Racing Scotland will observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children in our care
- Quad Racing Scotland will operate a zero tolerance policy on bullying or intimidation either by an adult or other child
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy and these procedures

Review

This policy and these procedures will be regularly reviewed

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within Quad Racing Scotland
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within Quad Racing Scotland
- In all other circumstances, annually

Roles and Responsibilities in Child Protection

The Child Protection Officer for Quad Racing Scotland will:

- Be supported by QRS and be appropriately trained
- Implement and promote QRS Child Protection Policy and procedures throughout the sport
- Regularly report to the Board/Executive/Committee/Management as applicable
- Act as the main contact within QRS for the protection of children
- Provide information and advice on the protection of children within the boundaries of the remit
- Support and raise awareness of the protection of children
- Communicate with members on the issues of child protection
- Keep abreast of developments and understand the latest information on the date protection, confidentiality and other legal issues that impact on the protection of children
- Establish and maintain contact with local statutory agencies including the police and social services
- Maintain confidential records of reported cases, action taken, liaise with statutory agencies and ensure they have access to all necessary information
- Organise training for members
- Regularly monitor and review the QRS Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Ensure there are mechanisms in place for quality assurance
- Ensure that all referral forms be sent to SACU offices within seven days

All information has been acquired from:

ACU/SACU Guidelines

Scottish Governing Bodies

Sports Scotland/Children 1st