



Golf Union Wales Safeguarding Children Support for Clubs

The Golf Union Wales is committed to ensure that the sport of golf is one within which children and young people involved can thrive and flourish in a safe environment and that all children, young people and vulnerable people have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

Support is available for your club!

Although the area of Safeguarding and developing a Club Safeguarding policy may appear daunting, there is user friendly, good information and support readily available to assist with the process. A good policy is essential to the club and its members and above all will keep children safe.

1. Safeguarding & Protection Children Workshop (SPC1)

This is a 3 hour workshop that helps educate and remove the “scare” factor felt by some when confronted with the topic of child and adult welfare. Clubs who attend also receive a FREE copy of the NSPCC and Sports Coach UK “Safeguarding and Protecting Children: a Guide for Sportspeople”. To register your interest in this workshop [click here](#).

2. Safeguarding & Protecting Children – Online Refresher Training

It is recommended that individuals working with children refresh their safeguarding training at least every 3 years. Those who need to renew their training now have the option of attending another face to face SPC workshop, or undertaking the new SportsCoach UK “Renewal: Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport” eLearning course. The course is £16 and takes 1 ½ hrs to complete, you can enter and leave the course at your convenience and on completion you will be emailed your certificate. For more information [click here](#)

3. Time To listen Workshop

This is a 3 hour workshop developed by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and has been adapted to be specific to golf.

The workshop is aimed at Club Welfare Officers and people who have a role within welfare at the club. “Time to Listen” is additional to the SPC1 and it is recommended that individuals should have attended the SPC1 workshop prior to attending.

The workshop builds on basic awareness and focuses on implementation in the club environment. It also gives individuals in a similar role the opportunity to discuss golf specific issues, challenges and good practice in a friendly and informal environment. To register your interest in this workshop [click here](#).

4. Information regarding Club Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

The Golf Union of Wales is committed to safeguarding and supporting our clubs to do so. Our Lead Child Protection Officer and Safeguarding Co-ordinator are available to assist.

A template Club Child Safeguarding Policy can be downloaded from the Golf Development Wales website, amended and implemented at the club, [click here](#) to download



Further resources and forms can be found on the Children in Golf website (see links below):

<http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-safeguarding-children/>

<http://www.childreningolf.org/>

<http://www.juniorgolfguide.org.uk/welfare.htm>

5. Club Welfare Officer – poster resource

A poster designed by a young person is available free of charge to golf clubs to put on their notice boards. This will help increase awareness of the club welfare officer, the lead child protection officer and additional help available. To request a copy please contact sian.simmons@golfunionwales.org

6. Key Contacts

Diane Davies is the Golf Union of Wales **Lead Child Protection Officer**, if you have any queries or would like to discuss any safeguarding concerns, please contact her by telephoning 07923 065317. There is also a **Safeguarding Co-Ordinator, Sian Simmons** who can be contacted via email, sian.simmons@golfunionwales.org or by telephoning 01633 436048

7. Golf Safeguarding Action Group (GSAG)

Golf Union of Wales is a member of the Golf Safeguarding Action Group (GSAG), which consists of members from the golfing bodies across Great Britain and has been set up to help golf respond to the issue of child protection in sport. Its mission is to safeguard the welfare of children and young people, as well as adults at risk, in the sport of golf. This will be achieved through the unique partnership which has the ability to influence and act as advocate for safeguarding across the golfing landscape. Members of the GSAG include; Golf Union of Wales, The Professional Golfers' Association, England Golf, Ladies European Tour and The Golf Foundation.

8. Case Management Group (CMG)

Golf Union of Wales is also a member of GSAG Case Management Group. The CMG is made up of independent members who are volunteers with relevant safeguarding management experience and expertise, as well as the relevant lead officer from each member organisation. The primary role of the CMG is to offer advice and guidance in relation to safeguarding concerns and cases and to support the relevant member Golf organisations' Safeguarding Leads in carrying out their role and responsibilities. When clubs refer any concerns or cases into Golf Union of Wales a uniformed decision can be made at the CMG and the club will be supported through the process.

9. DBS Checks (previously CRB checks)

Clubs must ensure that volunteers and staff working with children regularly have obtained a DBS disclosure, Sian Simmons, Safeguarding Co-ordinator is responsible for DBS, if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the DBS application process please contact her via e-mail at sian.simmons@golfunionwales.org or by telephoning 01633 436048 or [click here](#) for more information.

