



# Shustoke Sailing Club

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## Child Protection Policy and Procedures

### 1. Policy Statement

It is the policy of Shustoke Sailing Club to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults at our Club from physical, sexual or emotional harm. The Club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in Club activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse.

For the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. This Policy and Procedures also applies to vulnerable adults.

**The Club's Child Protection Co-ordinator is:** **Sue Gill** **Tel: 024 7641 5814**  
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### 2. Parents / Guardian

Shustoke Sailing Club takes every step to ensure a safe environment but parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for their children. The club requires that Parents/Guardians are present at all times that your child is at the club. Your attention is drawn to their use of changing rooms which are used by all club members at all times, to enclosed areas such as training rooms and boat storage facilities and to the potential dangers when playing in the wider area of the boat park. We also remind you that all club members including children are required to wear buoyancy aids on the water, on the pontoon and near the water on slipways.

### 3. Volunteers

All Club training volunteers are long standing club members who are carefully selected and trained. Those who have a significant role which brings them into regular contact with young people may but are not necessarily referred to the Disclosure and Barring Service by the child protection co-ordinator. Volunteers who have been barred will not be used in training or other activities for children or vulnerable adults. Where other relevant information is disclosed on a DBS check, the Child Protection co-ordinator may refer that volunteer to the club committee to consider whether restrictions need to be applied.

### 3. Good Practice

All members of the club should follow the clubs Code of Conduct. Those working with young people should be aware of the SSC guidance on recognizing child abuse and CP Good Practice Guidelines, both available on the club website.

Photographs of children individually or in groups may be used in Shustoke Sailing Club's website, brochures and other printed publications but will not include personal e-mail or postal addresses, telephone or fax numbers. Specific permission will be sought if full names are included. Anyone taking photographs or filming should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Child Protection Co-ordinator.

### 4. Concerns

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's welfare, either outside the sport or within the Club, should inform the Child Protection Co-ordinator immediately, in strict confidence. The Club and the Child Protection Co-ordinator follow the procedures outlined in the *RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines* (see RYA website). Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Child Protection Policy and any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action under paragraph 6 of the Club Constitution.