

Moravian Orienteering Club Child Protection Policy Statement

Policy

Moravian Orienteering Club regards the welfare of children to be of paramount importance. The Club aims to promote good practice in order to:

- Make sport fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Treat all children and adults equally, with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Involve parents wherever possible.
- Listen to the views of children and include them in relevant decision-making.
- Put the welfare of club members first, before winning or achieving performance goals.
- Give encouragement and constructive feedback.
- Recognise and take account of the differing physical, emotional and developmental needs and capacity of children.

Moravian Orienteering Club is committed to ensuring child protection and has adopted the Scottish Orienteering Association Child Protection Policy, Jul 2012 (revised Jan 2015)

<http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/page/child-protection-and-the-pvg-scheme>

http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/documents/general/SOA_CHILD_PROTECTION_POLICY.pdf.

The Scottish Orienteering Association Child Protection Policy incorporates British Orienteering's "O-Safe" guidelines for aspects where the SOA does not have its own specific guidance or policy.

British Orienteering O-Safe: A Guide to Safeguarding Children and At-Risk Adults in Orienteering, Oct 2015

<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/O-Safe%202015.pdf>

The safeguarding and protection policy aims to prevent abuse of children. Abuse may involve physical injury, sexual abuse, neglect, discrimination, emotional abuse or bullying. These categories are not mutually exclusive.

In following the policy, Moravian Orienteering Club is committed to taking all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment to participate in orienteering activities held under the auspices of Scottish Orienteering. To this end, Moravian Orienteering Club will:

- Promote the protection from abuse of children.
- Provide advice to club members on how to interact with children in ways which are beneficial for all concerned (see above).
- Provide a channel through which concerns and allegations can be reported.
- Respond speedily to any reports of concerns and allegations.
- Support anyone who reports concerns that a child may have been or may be at risk of being abused.
- Support the fair treatment of anyone against whom allegations have been made.
- Respond appropriately if it is established that someone is unsuitable to work with or has behaved in an unacceptable manner towards children.

Club Member Responsibility

Everyone in Moravian Orienteering Club has a responsibility to act as specified in the procedures if they have reason to believe that a child has been or is in danger of being harmed.

It is not the responsibility of Moravian Orienteering Club Members or the Moravian Orienteering Club Child Protection Officer to decide whether or not a child has been abused. This is the role of trained professionals. However, all Moravian Orienteering Club Members have a **duty** to act on any concerns about abuse.

If any Moravian Orienteering Club member has concerns about the welfare of a child, they should contact the **Moravian Orienteering Club Child Protection Officer, Liz Campbell**, childprotection@moravianorienteering.org or the **Scottish Orienteering Association Child Protection Officer, Stef Lauer**, stef.lauer@scottish-orienteering.org

Alternatively, members may contact **Childline** on 0800 1111 or on their website www.childline.org.uk, or the **Police** on 101.