

Association of British Kart Associations (ABKC) Safeguarding Policy

ABKC is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Association.

1. The Association acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.
2. The Association confirms that it adheres to the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines. The Association will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations. Visit <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/policies-guidelines/> for the Motorsport UK Safeguarding policies.
3. A child is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any motor sport activity.
4. The key principles of this policy are as follows:
 - The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other consideration
 - Association events and activities for young people will follow and adhere to the Motorsport UK Race 'n' Respect values and the Motorsport UK U18 Policy
 - All participants regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, race, faith, culture, size, shape, language or sexual identity have the right to be protected from abuse or harm
 - All allegations, suspicions or concerns of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately
5. The Association recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. The Association recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved, in whatever capacity, at the Association.
6. The Association will implement and comply with the Motorsport UK Code of Conduct.

7. The Association will appoint a Association Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and notify this person to all members.
8. The CSO is Mrs. Sonja Game, tel 01869 320157. If you witness or are aware of an incident where you are concerned the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the CSO. If at any time you are not able to contact your CSO or the matter is clearly serious then you can either:
 - Contact the Motorsport UK Lead Safeguarding Officer
 - Contact the Police or Children’s Social Care
 - Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk
9. The Association will follow Motorsport UK guidance and ensure that anyone that meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check (DBS, or PVG in Scotland) until a satisfactory check has been returned.
10. The Association will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors or officials will comply with all guidance and best practice as issued by the Motorsport UK. In summary, the following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the Association and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Association, or Motorsport UK:
 - Working alone with a child
 - Being under the influence of alcohol whilst responsible for children
 - Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply
 - Smoking in the presence of children
 - Humiliating children
 - Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child
 - Participating in, or allowing, contact or physical games with children
 - Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child developed as a result of being in a ‘position of trust’
 - Sharing the same immediate accommodation, e.g. overnight room, with children when away at events
 - Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material
11. The Association will review this policy annually.

Signed 

Graham Smith, Association Secretary

Date 1st April 2021