

# CLYDE – Safeguarding Policy

## Clydeside Orienteers Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

**When you bring your children orienteering, we will help you to ensure their welfare and safety by ensuring that:**

- The people who run the sport are safe to be with.
- We take all reasonable steps to ensure that your children will be safe from other participants and strangers.
- The challenges set will be manageable so that your children are able to find their way around the course.
- They are not likely to be injured but if they are there are people and procedures in place to look after them.
- Your children's individual needs will be considered as far as possible within the nature of the sport.

**The people who run the sport are safe to be with:**

Our coaches and officials who have unsupervised regular contact with children and adults at risk have satisfactory Disclosure Scotland checks.

Our orienteering clubs have welfare officers.

**We take all reasonable steps to ensure that your children will be safe from other participants and from strangers:**

Organisers of events and activities carry out risk assessments and have procedures for managing safety in public places.

We have had no reported incidents of children coming to any harm from strangers in public places whilst orienteering.

**The challenges set will be manageable so that your children are able to find their way back, the ground they cross is not too rough for their experience/strength:**

Planners of courses and activities follow rules and guidelines to provide courses or activities with different levels of challenge to meet different needs.

We keep track of every individual at every event or activity to ensure that they are accounted for. We will give you information so that you understand the level of challenge on courses offered.

We expect you to follow our guidelines about which course is appropriate for you or your children to complete. To meet our safeguarding and insurance responsibilities, we may refuse to let you do a course if we consider you are taking undue risk.

**They are not likely to be injured but if they are there are people and procedures in place to look after them:**

Officials organising events and activities carry out risk assessments.

They have procedures for finding and looking after lost children and for providing first aid.

Your children's individual needs will be taken care of as far as possible within the nature of the sport.

At events, we will explain what physical and navigational skills are needed to complete a course and how we can help with an individual need.

At activities led by coaches, if you tell us about any special needs we will tell you what reasonable adjustments can be made to make our activities accessible.

**As a club, we support and follow British Orienteering's safeguarding policies.**

## **Procedures for Dealing with Reports of Concerns**

In general, if the Club Welfare Officer receives any reports of concerns relating to child welfare, the procedures set out in Section 6 (Reporting Safeguarding Concerns) of British Orienteering's Child Safeguarding Policy will be followed. Advice will be sought from Scottish Orienteering's lead Child Protection & Welfare Officer and from British Orienteering's Lead Safeguarding Officer as appropriate.

Similarly, any reports of concerns regarding vulnerable adults will be dealt with as set out in Section 9 of British Orienteering's Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy.

## **Links to British Orienteering's Current Safeguarding Policies**

- [Child Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy](#)