



Safeguarding Policy Statement

Stars for the Future adopted the British weightlifting Association Child Protection Policy and follows the Sport England guidelines:

Stars for the Future believes that:

- A child's welfare is always of paramount importance whatever the circumstances.
- Everyone working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- Special care should be taken when dealing with children whose age, inexperience or physical state makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.
- We strive to create within our club an environment where all children and young people can learn about, participate in and enjoy weightlifting free from abuse and harassment and to achieve this we have adopted the following policy:
A child's welfare is of paramount importance:
- A child has the right to be protected from abuse, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief or sexual orientation.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.
- We will also take the following steps to achieve this aim.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working or helping within the club.
- The club head coach is allowed to contact all members of the club for training and competition issues and for minor problems, the parents would be contacted.
- Seek and provide training to ensure that all volunteers are aware of their responsibilities with regard to child protection.
- Implement good practices.
- Respond appropriately to suspicions of abuse.
- The Children's Act 1989 states that anyone who is involved in the care of children should "do what is reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the child's welfare".
- All qualified coaches will be DBS (previously CRB) checked.

Our designated Child Protection Officer is Vindhya Gobin.