

Kingston Explorers

Child Protection Policy Document

Child Protection Policy – Normal Events

This policy applies to all but exceptional events whether they are held at our normal venue or elsewhere

- Parents/carers have full responsibility for the behaviour and safety of their children at all times.
- Children are not to be left in the care of Kingston Explorers.
- The duty of care of parents/carers includes (but is not limited to) ensuring:
 - a) that their children are safe,
 - b) that their children are not endangering others,
 - c) that their children's behaviour is reasonable and does not disrupt the enjoyment of events by other children.
- Parents/carers may be asked to remove their child from the session if the child's behaviour is considered dangerous or unreasonable by the Branch Committee or the Activity Leader.
- The Branch Committee and Activity Leader(s) have no responsibility for the behaviour or safety of children beyond what is required by law as a minimum duty of care.

Child Protection Policy - Exceptional Events

This policy applies to exceptional events where children are left in the care of a professional Activity Leader. These events are rare at Kingston Explorers; generally they do not occur more than once a year. Such activities will be clearly indicated as exceptional events to parents/carers.

- At exceptional events, parents/carers may leave their children in the care of a professional Activity Leader.
- Parents/carers must, however, remain on the premises. Overall responsibility for children's care remains with parents/carers. The Branch Committee and/or Activity Leader are **not** to be considered *in loco parentis*.
- Parents/carers may be asked to remove their child from the session if the child's behaviour is considered dangerous or unreasonable by the Branch Committee or the Activity Leader.
- The Activity Leader will be a professional who works with children on a regular basis.
- The Activity Leader will have CRB clearance and Kingston Explorers will keep a copy of the clearance certificate on file for a period of at least 1 year.

Child Protection Policy – General

In line with the requirements of NAGC guidelines, Kingston Explorers has a Designated Child Protection Person (DCPP). Parents/carers may speak to this person if they have any queries or concerns regarding child protection. It is also a legal responsibility of the DCPP to look for signs of child abuse and report them.

Agreement

I have read and understood the above Child Protection Document. I agree that I shall remain responsible for my child/children's safety and behaviour at all times as detailed above at all Normal Events. At Exceptional Events, I agree that I will have overall responsibility for my child/children, but as detailed above, I understand that I may leave my child in the care of a professional who will have CRB clearance.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Names of child/children: _____