



Wales Golf Safeguarding Support for Clubs

Wales Golf is committed to ensure that the sport of golf is one within which any one participating, working and volunteering can thrive and flourish in a safe environment and that all children, young people and adults at risk have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

Information regarding Club Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

Although the area of Safeguarding and developing Club Safeguarding policies may appear daunting, there is information and club templates readily available to assist with the process. Safeguarding policies make it clear what your club will do to keep children and adults at risk safe, how to respond to concerns and signpost to the appropriate help or support.

Wales Golf have both Child and Adult Safeguarding Club template policies that clubs can amend and adopt by downloading from the Wales Golf website [click here](#)

Further resources and forms can be found on the following websites:

[Child Protection in Sport Unit](#)
[Junior Golf Guide & Accreditation](#)

Safeguarding & Protection Children Workshop (SPC1)

This is a 3 hour workshop that helps educate and remove the "scare" factor felt by some when confronted with the topic of child and adult welfare. Clubs who attend also receive a FREE copy of the NSPCC and Sports Coach UK "Safeguarding and Protecting Children: a Guide for Sportspeople". To register your interest in this workshop [click here](#). (During COVID-19 this workshop has been adapted to be delivered as online classroom)

Safeguarding & Protecting Children – Online Refresher Training

It is recommended that individuals working with children refresh their safeguarding training at least every 3 years. Those who need to renew their training now have the option of attending another face to face SPC workshop, or undertaking the new SportsCoach UK "Renewal: Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport" eLearning course. The course is £16.99 and takes 1½ hrs to complete, you can enter and leave the course at your convenience and on completion you will be emailed your certificate. For more information [click here](#)

Time To listen Workshop

This is a 3 hour workshop developed by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and has been adapted to be specific to golf.

The workshop is aimed at Club Welfare Officers and people who have a role within welfare at the club. "Time to Listen" is additional to the SPC1 and it is recommended that individuals should have attended the SPC1 workshop prior to attending.

The workshop builds on basic awareness and focuses on implementation in the club environment. It also gives individuals in a similar role the opportunity to discuss golf specific issues, challenges and good practice in a friendly and informal environment. To register your interest in this workshop [click here](#). (During COVID-19 this workshop has been adapted to be delivered as online classroom)

Club Welfare Officer – poster resource

A poster designed by a young person is available free of charge to golf clubs to put on their notice board to help increase awareness of the Club Welfare Officer, the Lead Safeguarding Officer and additional help available. To request a copy please contact sian.simmons@walesgolf.org

SafeGolf Strategic Group (SGSG)

Wales Golf is a member of the SafeGolf Strategic Group (SGSG), which consists of members from the golfing bodies across Great Britain and has been set up to help golf respond to safeguarding issue in the sport of golf. Its mission is to safeguard the welfare of children and young people, as well as adults at risk, in the sport of golf. This will be achieved through the unique partnership which has the ability to influence and act as advocate for safeguarding across the golfing landscape. Members of the SGSG include; Wales Golf, The Professional Golfers' Association, England Golf, Scottish Golf, Confederation of Golf in Ireland, Ladies European Tour, Golf Club's Managers Association, the R&A, BIGGA and The Golf Foundation.

SafeGolf Website

The SafeGolf website can be used to report a concern or seek advice. www.safegolf.org
It also has a list of SafeGolf Accredited PGA Coaches which means they have a current DBS check and attended an SPC (in the last 3 years). It also list SafeGolf Clubs in Wales, for clubs to become a SafeGolf Club they have to meet the following:-

1. Gain the online SafeGolf Junior GolfCert Accreditation
2. Have a child and adult safeguarding policy in place
3. Have a Junior Organiser who is DBS checked and attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop (all other volunteers helping within the junior section will also need to have DBS and SPC)
4. PGA Professional at the club will need to be on the SafeGolf Accredited Coaches list on the SafeGolf website
5. Have a Club Welfare Officer who has attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Time to Listen workshop (due to COVID-19 we are running SPC and TTL online classrooms. CWO's can book onto next available course(s) to meet SafeGolf criteria).

Case Management Group (CMG)

Wales Golf is also a member of the Golf Partners Case Management Group. The CMG is made up of independent members who are volunteers with relevant safeguarding management experience and expertise, as well as the relevant lead officer from each member organisation. The primary role of the CMG is to offer advice and guidance in relation to safeguarding concerns and cases and to support the relevant member Golf organisations' Safeguarding Leads in carrying out their role and responsibilities. When clubs refer any concerns or cases into Wales Golf a uniformed decision can be made at the CMG and the club will be supported through the process.

DBS Checks (previously CRB checks)

Clubs must ensure that volunteers and staff regularly working with children have obtained a DBS disclosure. Sian Simmons, Lead Safeguarding Officer is responsible for DBS, if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the DBS application process please contact her via e-mail at sian.simmons@walesgolf.org or [click here](#) for more information.

Key Contacts

If you have any queries, would like to discuss any safeguarding concerns or need support and advice, please contact the Wales Golf safeguarding team:-

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