



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 website:

[Child Protection in Sport Unit](#)

Safeguarding & Protection Children Workshop (SPC1)

This UKCoaching interactive online classroom will help you recognise and respond to concerns a child may be experiencing, or be at risk of experiencing, harm, neglect, or abuse. You will learn the importance of person-centred care and taking an individualised approach to your coaching practice, that puts the child or young person at the heart of every session. Attendees must be 18 years or older

Please visit our [workshop and events section](#) to book and view up and coming courses

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 UKCoaching "Renewal: Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport" eLearning course. The course is £25.00 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 UKCoaching interactive online classroom will give you an essential understanding of what is required of welfare officers that are responsible for managing and reporting concerns about children, and for putting into place procedures to safeguard children, ensuring that you have the practical knowledge required to take a child-focused approach and excel in the role.

You will also learn about the importance of building relationships and trust with the key people that you'll be working with, essential to working with colleagues to safeguard children effectively.

Through interactive scenarios featuring people from different sports and activities, you will also practise your decision-making in a safe and supportive environment, enabling you to explore some possible consequences of your decisions. This will help to prepare

you to act in similar scenarios as a welfare officer, giving you crucial confidence in your ability to act in each child's best interest.

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Adult Safeguarding Courses (Ann Craft Trust)

An Introduction to Safeguarding Adults in Wales- eLearning

It is ideal for those who live or work in Wales with adults or where adults are present, from the care sector and charities to sport and activity organisations, this course is the first step to understanding safeguarding adults at risk.

It's designed for people who are new to safeguarding or working with adults at risk and those looking to assess their safeguarding knowledge. It covers the essential information you need to know relating to safeguarding adults, how to recognise abuse, respond and report appropriately when a concern is raised.

The course consists of two modules. It covers what adult abuse is, how to recognise the signs and how to report a concern. It is interactive and includes video, quizzes, downloads and scenarios to help you understand and learn about keeping people safe. When you have finished both modules, you will receive a certificate of completion which will be issued in your chosen language.

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Essential Training for Club Welfare/Safeguarding Officers

This training covers the essentials for safeguarding adults in sport and activity clubs for Club Welfare/Safeguarding Officers.

This session includes how to identify concerns, respond to concerns and disclosures and how to create a safe culture within a sport or activity club setting.

By the end of the course, participants will understand:

- The role and responsibilities of the Club Welfare Officer
- Why we need to safeguard adults in sport and activity.
- How to Identify poor practice and types of abuse and neglect.
- How to respond and deal with concerns about adults.
- Where to go for further information and advice on safeguarding adults.

This is all underpinned by understanding how we can create a safer culture.

For those with no previous safeguarding adults training, we would recommend completing the Introductory Training prior to attending this course.

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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 and Licensed Volunteer Coaches which means they have a current DBS check and attended an SPC (in the last 3 years).

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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