



## GUILDFORD & GODALMING ATHLETIC CLUB LTD

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT 2021

GGAC is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people to practice all forms of athletics

We do this by:

- Providing and enforcing procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of all participants and protect them from abuse.
- Ensure all children who take part in athletics are able to participate in a safe and fun environment.
- All children have a right to protection and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The welfare of the child is paramount.
- Recruit, train and supervise our volunteers to adopt best practise to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, and themselves from false allegations
- Require coaches and volunteers to adopt and abide by our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the relevant grievance, investigatory and disciplinary procedures
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse, and providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- Appointing a Child Protection Officer who will take specific responsibility for child safety and act as the main point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies.
- Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer or the appropriate external authorities.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection Policy and activities each year at the Annual General Meeting

(A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 The Children Act 1989)

Our Child Protection Officer is **Marilyn Parsons**

Signed **Keith Robey - Club Chairman**

Dated: January 2021