

**BUILDING A POSITIVE
FUTURE FOR ANGLING**

**CHILD
PROTECTION
POLICY**

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FOREWORD

SPORT CAN AND DOES HAVE A POWERFUL AND POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE. NOT ONLY CAN IT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENJOYMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT, IT CAN ALSO DEVELOP VALUABLE QUALITIES SUCH AS SELF-ESTEEM, LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK. THESE POSITIVE EFFECTS CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE IF SPORT IS IN THE RIGHT HANDS – IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO PLACE THE WELFARE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST AND ADOPT PRACTICES TO SUPPORT, PROTECT AND EMPOWER THEM.

The ADB is committed to ensuring that all young people who participate in angling have a safe and positive experience.

The ADB is committed to developing and implementing policies and procedures which ensure that everyone knows and accepts their responsibility in relation to their 'Duty of Care' for young people. It is committed to ensuring that there are correct and comprehensive reporting procedures, and promoting good practice and sound recruitment procedures for all individuals working within the sport of angling.

The ADB recognises that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working in the sport of angling to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns.

This document outlines the ADB's Child Protection Policy statement and details the principles behind it. This document should be used in conjunction with the full ADB Child Protection Policy, which sets out a framework to fulfil the ADB's commitment to Safeguarding and Protecting Children within the sport of angling. The full ADB Child Protection Policy includes guidance on good practice in a number of areas involved in angling activities and can be obtained from any of the websites of the national governing bodies of angling in England.

A variety of titles have been used in our child protection policy documents to describe the people working (full or part time, paid or voluntary) within the sport of angling, such as; 'Staff', 'Official', 'Coach', 'Instructor', 'Club Official', 'Volunteer' etc. The full policy applies to all individuals or organisations whom are members of the governing bodies of angling in this country, and ADB licensed coaches; working both in a paid or voluntary capacity, according to their level of contact with young people in the sport.

If you have any doubt as to its relevance to your role please contact the ADB Lead Child Protection Officer.

David Moore
Chairman
Angling Development Board

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The ADB used sports coach UK's 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' (formerly the Good Practice and Child Protection) Policy and Implementation Procedures '– which are guidelines for governing bodies of sport and local authorities.

The ADB have used extracts from the Level Two Certificate in Coaching Angling Candidate Portfolio as further evidence of compliance.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

THE ADB'S FUNDAMENTAL GOALS ARE TO:

HELP FACILITATE AND PROMOTE DIVERSITY OF PARTICIPATION IN ANGLING AND TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL, HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS OF ANGLING PARTICIPATION.

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AIMED AT INCREASING ANGLING PARTICIPATION AND FURTHERING KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION.

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT RESEARCH INTO FACTORS AFFECTING PARTICIPATION IN ANGLING AND TO WORK WITH AND SUPPORT OTHER VOLUNTARY BODIES WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES.

This includes introducing children and young people to the tranquil and safe sport of angling and to educate them into appreciating, respecting and protecting the environment that surrounds our fisheries – the vegetation and the wildlife, and at the same time to educate and direct them away from getting involved in crime, violence, alcoholism and drugs in the anticipation of turning the youngsters of today into good citizens of tomorrow.



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Responsibilities

The ADB and the angling governing bodies will:

- accept the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse
- respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people
- recruit, train and supervise their employees and volunteers so as to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, and themselves against allegations
- require staff and volunteers to adopt and abide by the ADB Child Protection Policy and Procedures which incorporate the ADB Code of Conduct and Ethics
- respond to any complaints about poor practice or allegations of abuse.

Principles

The guidance given in the full procedures is based on the following principles:

- this policy recognises and builds on the legal and statutory definitions of a child
- a young person is recognised as being under the age of 18 years (Children's Act 1989 definition)
- an adult has the moral and statutory duty for the care, custody and control of any child under the age of 18 under their supervision
- the child's welfare is paramount
- all young people, whatever their age, culture, any disability they may have, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- all incidents of poor practice or suspicions of poor practice and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- all young people have the right to participate in the sport of angling in an enjoyable and safe environment
- young people have the right to expect appropriate support in accordance with their personal and social development with regard to their involvement in the sport of angling

- it is the responsibility of the child protection experts and agencies to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns
- confidentiality should be upheld in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Human Rights Act 2000.

Working in partnership with young people, their parents and other agencies is essential to ensure the protection of young people. Although the ADB and the angling governing bodies recognise the statutory responsibility of Children's Social Care Services to ensure the welfare of young people and work with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) to comply with its procedures, child protection has a broader remit within the sport of angling. All those involved in the management of young people in the sport of angling have a duty to ensure that they are:

- allowed access to the sport in a way that is appropriate for their age and ability
- coached and trained by appropriately qualified staff
- not required to participate in so many competitions, or to attend training sessions, as to become a threat to their well-being
- not subjected to any form of discriminatory abuse from any source
- not subjected to bullying or undue pressure from any source
- encouraged to achieve their full potential at all levels
- instructed how to behave around water-based venues
- afforded respect, confidentiality and privacy in a competing and training situation and any other angling environment.



Implementation

The ADB Child Protection Policy and Procedures shall be adopted by the following:

- the ADB, the governing bodies and its members
- all other bodies working in partnership with the ADB to provide opportunities for work with children and young people up to the age of 18 (either on a paid or voluntary basis) within the sport of angling in England.

Assent

All individuals involved in the sport of angling under the jurisdiction of the ADB at every level including participants, officials, instructors / coaches, administrators and club officials agree to abide by the ADB Code of Conduct and Ethics.

All such individuals, by participating or being involved in angling, are deemed to have assented to and as such recognise and adhere to the principles and responsibilities embodied in the Code.

Child Protection Regulations

The Child Protection Regulations shall be incorporated in the constitution of the ADB, and the governing bodies in England and shall provide a new disciplinary process under each body's respective Disciplinary Rules.

Monitoring Procedures

The ADB Child Protection Policy and Procedures will be monitored annually and a full policy review will take place tri-annually. The following situations may also evoke a review of the policy:

- any changes in legislation
- any changes in governance of the sport
- the result of a significant case.

The term parent/s throughout this document refers to parent/s, carer/s and guardian/s.

The term Coach/Instructor may be used interchangeably throughout this document, it refers to anyone qualified (who holds a valid license) by the ADB.

All references to 'Club' within this document also relates to Branch or Division for the respective disciplines of angling.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Essential Contacts

Please ensure you fill in the contact numbers for your area and keep them up to date. These numbers may be essential in the event of any reported incidents. You should be able to find the details from your local phone book or local authority. Should you have any difficulties please contact the ADB.

ADB CONTACTS		CONTACT NO.
ADB Lead Child Protection Officer	daniel.ramm@anglingdevelopmentboard.org.uk	07800 855 709
To download full copies of the ADB Child Protection policies and documents please go to: www.nfadirect.com www.nfsa.org.uk www.salmon-trout.org		

LOCAL CONTACTS		CONTACT NO.
Local Children and Family Services (formally Children's Social Care Services), including out of office hours contact	You are advised to ensure that you obtain and record your local contact numbers for future reference should it ever be required	_____
Local Police Child Protection Team (in an emergency contact via 999)	As above	_____
Local Safeguarding Children's Board	As above	_____

NATIONAL CONTACTS		CONTACT NO.
The NSPCC	42 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3NH	0207 825 2500 0808 800 5000
Childline UK	Freepost 1111, London N1 0BR	0800 1111
NI Child line	1st Floor, Queens House, 14 Queen Street, Belfast BT1 6ED	0800 1111
NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)	3 Gilmour Close, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, L4 1EZ	0116 234 7278
NSPCC Cymru / Wales Child Protection Help Line	Monday to Friday 10am - 6pm	0800 100 2524
NSPCC Asian Child Protection Helpline		0800 096 7719

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARTER

THE ANGLING DEVELOPMENT BOARD TREATS YOUNG ANGLERS WITH RESPECT, VALUES THEM AT ALL TIMES AND WILL MAKE ANGLING A SAFE SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

WE WANT YOU TO BE:

- **TREATED FAIRLY BY OTHER ANGLERS AND KNOW YOU WILL BE LISTENED TO AND RESPECTED**
- **CARED FOR BY SKILLED, EXPERIENCED STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WHO UNDERSTAND YOU**
- **GIVEN PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOURSELF A BETTER ANGLER**
- **ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP SELF-AWARENESS AND BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS**
- **ABLE TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, GAIN CONFIDENCE AND BE POSITIVE**

MOST OF ALL WE WANT YOU TO FEEL THAT ANGLING IS A SAFE SPORT!

As a young person you are the future of our sport and we want to help you to be a successful angler. All people in Angling should be able to help and listen to you.

There may be times when you feel unhappy or just worried and you should always tell your parents or those who care for you. There will always be someone who can help you.

If you cannot speak to these people, you can contact any of the opposite, 24 hours a day who will listen to your worries:

The Angling Development Board
Lead Child Protection Officer, Daniel Ramm, on

07800 855 709

or Daniel.Ramm@AnglingDevelopmentBoard.org.uk

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

NSPCC HELPLINE: 0808 800 5000

or go to www.worriedneed2talk.org.uk
where you will find important information and help.

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For further details of the ADB Child Protection Policy please contact:

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