CHAMPIONS KART CLUB

Safeguarding Policy

Champions Kart club recognises the responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people and children who attend events. The below policy and procedures are supplementary to those provided by Motorsport UK; https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/safeguarding/

1. The club acknowledges the responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people who are involved within the club, providing a safe environment for all members

2. The key principles of this policy are as follows:

   ○ Clearly demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding children and young people ○ Promote a safe and positive environment for children and young people ○ Provide all staff and volunteers with the necessary information to enable them to meet their safeguarding responsibilities as set out in Government legislation and guidance.

3. This policy applies to. ○ Volunteers of Champions Kart Club
   - Children (Persons below the age of 18) that are members of or related to members of Champions Kart Club
   - Adults at risk ○ Parents and carers of the children connected to Champions Kart Club

4. The Club recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm, and poor practice. The Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved, in whatever capacity, at the Club.

5. The Club will appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and notify this person to all members. The appointed Child Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Kerrie Beavers, contact details will be made available to members.

6. If you witness or are aware of an incident where you are concerned the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the CSO. If at any time you are not able to contact your CSO or the matter is clearly serious then you can either:

   - Contact the Motorsport UK Lead Safeguarding Officer
   - Contact the Police or Children's Social Care
   - Call the NSPCC 24-hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

7. The Club will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors, or officials will comply with all guidance and best practice as issued by the Motorsport UK.

8. This policy is applicable for any events organised or operated by Champions Kart Club

9. This policy primarily covers Safeguarding issues as below.
    a. Physical Abuse
    b. Emotional Abuse
    c. Sexual Abuse
    d. Neglect

    This policy also covers other behaviours that could constitute harassment and abuse and as such, a safeguarding concern. Examples of these include.

    a. Bullying and Cyber Bullying
    b. Cyber Abuse
    c. Peer on Peer abuse
    d. Abuse by a person in a position of trust
    e. Poor practice

10. Champions Kart Club will:

    - Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people ○ Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify, and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
    - Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
    - Ensure that confidential, detailed, and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
    - Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation. The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved
    - Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

11. In the event of a disclosure to the Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO), the CSO shall record the information as quickly and as clearly as possible. The person reporting the issue will be asked for contact details, and details of any witnesses. The CSO is obliged to complete a Motorsport UK Safeguarding Concern form, and if necessary, inform appropriate authorities / external agencies.

    If it is believed that a young person or person is at risk of immediate danger, the police should be notified via 999.

    The CSO should follow Section 3 of Motorsport UK Safeguarding Procedure; https://www.motorsportuk.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/11/2022_Safeguarding-ChildrenProcedure.pdf

12. Champions Kart Club will adopt the Motorsport UK Race with Respect Policy and all members should always adhere to this policy