



Sport for all

Child Protection Issues and Duty of Care Guidelines Policy

- The Forest of Dean takes its responsibility to take reasonable steps to protect Young People who members of the club very seriously. Therefore the club has a Child Welfare Officer, Kate Dennant, who is trained and experienced in child protection and knows what to do in most child protection situations. All the relevant Officials will receive Health and Safety training and the club has qualified first aiders. Where the club is in any doubt about its duty of care responsibilities, or those of any club members or associates, Kate Dennant (CWO) will consult with Jane Fylan, Home Counties Welfare Officer (UKA).
- All club officials are sensitively and securely recruited and vetted. All club officials that have substantial access to children also have the relevant training and will be vigilant in all that they do in relation to child protection matters. All of the club members have access to the Duty of care policy via the Club Secretary. All club officials are aware of the contact details of the Statutory Bodies that have legal responsibility to respond to all child protection concerns. These are displayed in the club hut.
- Disabled children and Young People are sometimes more vulnerable and club officials will consider what additional steps need to be taken to safeguard their welfare. Parents / carers consent must be obtained relating to any specific differences in handling during training.
- The Forest of Dean Athletic Club has a series of Codes of Conducts for both Athletes, Coaches, officials, Parents and Volunteers. These are available to view on both the Club Website, on Notice Boards in the Club Hut and within the Welcome Pack. These are based on the UK Athletics and EA Guidelines.
- The Forest of Dean Athletic Club feels very strongly that Young People should feel safe from harm when training with The Forest of Dean Athletic Club or at an event or promotion. Therefore if any athlete feels unsafe in any way or another club member or family member notices an undesirable situation occurring to another club member, then they should contact Kate Dennant (Child Welfare Officer) on 07957 249047 or welfare@fodac.org.uk

I hereby confirm that the FoDAC Child Protection Policy will be upheld and adhered to by all committee members, trustees and members.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of the Forest of Dean Athletic Club:

Name:(capitals): _____

Role within Trustees: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Club Welfare Officer: _____ (Name in Capitals)

Signed: _____

Date: _____