

STREATHAM YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB

CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Streatham Youth Ice Hockey Club (SYIHC) is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Club officers and other members will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

This document outlines SYIHC's commitment to protecting children.

These guidelines are based on the following principles:

- ❖ The welfare of children is the primary concern.
- ❖ All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- ❖ Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- ❖ Organisations shall work in partnership together with children and parents to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

SYHIC will:

- ❖ Adopt and implement the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA) Child Protection Policy for Clubs*.
- ❖ Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in ice hockey safely.
- ❖ Promote an environment where any form of bullying (including cyber bullying) is actively discouraged.
- ❖ Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children.
- ❖ Promote and implement the EIHA Child Protection Procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from abuse.
- ❖ Recruit, train and support its officers and members to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves, making sure that all officials are aware of the EIHA Child Protection Policy and Procedures and adhere to this policy with reference to the handbook.

- ❖ Require officers and members to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and the Procedures.
- ❖ Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this Policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- ❖ Ensure that there is an environment where children feel that they can disclose information to a club official and that if they do they will be taken seriously and it will be dealt with according to the correct procedures.
- ❖ Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

Review

This Policy and these Procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- ❖ In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within SYIHC.
- ❖ Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within SYIHC.
- ❖ In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

*Guidelines available on the EIHA website:

(<http://www.eiha.co.uk/ClubAdmin/Resourcesforms.aspx>)

Signed: _____

David Wills, Chair, SYIHC

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