



## **BOGNOR REGIS SWIMMING CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

"It is widely accepted that it is the responsibility of every adult to protect children from abuse."

(NSPCC, 2001)

### **Statement**

Bognor Regis Swimming Club recognises its responsibility to promote children's wellbeing and to safeguard them from harm.

### **Club Responsibilities**

- To safeguard and promote the interests and well being of all children within the club.
- To take all practical steps to protect these children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment.
- To respect the rights wishes and feelings of all children

### **Club Principles and Policy**

- The child's welfare is paramount.
- All children regardless of age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexuality have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All club personnel will adhere to the clubs anti-bullying policy.



- The club will ensure all personnel who have significant contact with children undertake a CRB check (Criminal Records Bureau).
- Club personnel have a duty of care to swimmers during all swimming sessions and events until they leave the venue.
- The club will provide guidelines to all coaches and helpers who have contact with children on expected standards of behaviour towards children at all times.
- The club has a nominated Club Welfare Officer. His/Her name will be publicised on the Club notice-board as the appropriate person to whom concerns of a child protection nature should be raised.
- Anyone under the age of 18 years will be considered a child for the purpose of this policy.

Bognor Regis Swimming Club will ensure that:-

- All children are listened to and respected as individuals.
- A Swimline notice will be on display at all times.
- ASA guidelines on child protection procedures are followed and copies of this document will be available on request.
- ASA code of ethics are followed.
- ASA guidelines for the use of photographic/filming equipment will be adhered to.
- The club will support anyone, who in good faith reports his or her concerns that a child is at risk, or may actually be abused.

Policy to be reviewed 2006



**Club Welfare Officer**

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