

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN CODE OF CONDUCT (adopted from ALRC)

We must:

- Always have a Club Safeguarding Officer to deal with any child protection issues that arise. They should act as the first point of contact for anyone who has any concerns about a child or about any abuse carried out by adults who come into contact with children or vulnerable adults.

Advice can be sought from the ALRC Safeguarding Officer Simone Birch 07786443474.

- Treat all children and young people with respect. Provide an example of good conduct you wish others to follow.
- Ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one adult present during activities with children and young people or at least that you are within sight or hearing of others.
- Respect a young person's right to personal privacy/encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like.
- Remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned.
- Be aware that any physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted.
- Recognise that special caution is required when you are discussing sensitive issues with children or young people.
- Operate within the LLRC/ALRC Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct policy.
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations / suspicions of abuse to the appointed Safeguarding Officer.
- Keep a written record of any injury or incident that occurs.

You must not:

- Have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children or young people.
- Allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention-seeking behaviour.
- Make suggestive or derogatory remarks or gestures in front of children or young people.
- Jump to conclusions about others without checking facts.
- Either exaggerate or trivialise child abuse issues.
- Rely on your good name or that of the ALRC to protect you.
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded, or not acted upon.
- Believe "it could never happen to me" or take a chance when common sense, policy or practice suggests another more prudent approach.

You should give guidance and support to new club members involved in the running of events.

If any abuse is suspected then you must react immediately by informing the Club Safeguarding Officer who should seek advice from the Local Safeguarding Children Board, details of which can be found from the police.

Make a factual record of events to give to the Local Safeguarding Partners and a copy should be given to the ALRC Safeguarding Officer and the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Coordinator at Motorsport UK Head Office (if the incident occurs at a Motorsport UK permitted event). These records should be kept confidentially.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT EVENTS

- Please be aware that photography is permitted at LLRC events and that the open nature of our events does not allow for full control of spectators.
- The LLRC/ALRC reserves the right to prohibit the use of photographic equipment upon receipt of any complaint made that may infer inappropriate behaviour.
- Permission should be sought from the child's parent or guardian before publication of any photograph.

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