

# Safeguarding Template

## Anti-bullying policy

**For the use of organisations and clubs which are members of the BEF or affiliated to them.**

More advice is available [www.bhs.org.uk/safeguardingchildren](http://www.bhs.org.uk/safeguardingchildren)

**This policy should be reviewed and updated annually.**

Name of organisation/club:	
This policy was last reviewed on:	
Date of next review:	
Named Safeguarding Officer:	
Contact information:	

**The Organisation or Club will:**

- Recognise its duty of care and responsibility to safeguard all participants from harm.
- Promote and implement this anti-bullying policy.
- Seek to ensure that bullying behaviour is not accepted or condoned.
- Require all members of the organisation/club to be given information about, and sign up to, this policy.
- Take action to investigate and respond to any alleged incidents of bullying.
- Encourage and facilitate children and young people to play an active part in developing and adopting a code of conduct to address bullying.
- Ensure that coaches are given access to information, guidance and/or training on bullying.

**Each Participant, Coach, Volunteer or Official will:**

- Respect every child's need for, and rights to, a play environment where safety, security, praise, recognition and opportunity for taking responsibility are available.
- Respect the feelings and views of others.
- Recognise that everyone is important and that our differences make each of us special and should be valued.
- Show appreciation of others by acknowledging individual qualities, contributions and progress.
- Be committed to the early identification of bullying, and prompt and collective action to deal with it.
- Ensure safety by having rules and practices carefully explained and displayed for all to see.
- Report incidents of bullying they see – by doing nothing you are condoning bullying.

**Bullying**

- All forms of bullying will be addressed.
- Everybody in the organisation/club has a responsibility to work together to stop bullying.
- Bullying can include online as well as offline behaviour.
- Bullying can include:-
  - physical pushing, kicking, hitting, pinching etc

- name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, persistent teasing and emotional torment through ridicule, humiliation or the continual ignoring of individuals
- posting of derogatory or abusive comments, videos or images on social network sites
- racial taunts, graffiti, gestures, sectarianism
- sexual comments, suggestions or behaviour
- unwanted physical contact
- Children with a disability, from ethnic minorities, young people who are gay or lesbian, or those with learning difficulties are more vulnerable to this form of abuse and are more likely to be targeted.

### Support to the Child

- Children should know who will listen to and support them.
- Systems should be established to open the door to children wishing to talk about bullying or any other issue that affects them.
- Potential barriers to talking (including those associated with a child's disability or impairment) need to be identified and addressed at the outset to enable children to approach adults for help.
- Children should have access to Helpline numbers.
- Anyone who reports an incident of bullying will be listened to carefully and be supported.
- Any reported incident of bullying will be investigated objectively and will involve listening carefully to all those involved.
- Children being bullied will be supported and assistance given to uphold their right to play and live in a safe environment which allows their healthy development.
- Those who bully will be supported and encouraged to stop bullying.
- Sanctions for those bullying others that involves long periods of isolation, or which diminish and make individuals look or feel foolish in front of others, will be avoided.

### Support to the Parents/Guardians

- Parents/guardians should be advised on the organisation/club's bullying policy and practice.
- Any incident of bullying will be discussed with the child's parent(s)/guardians.
- Parents will be consulted on action to be taken (for both victim and bully) and agreements made as to what action should be taken.
- Information and advice on coping with bullying will be made available.
- Support should be offered to the parent(s) including information on other agencies or support lines.

### Useful Contacts

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) [www.thecpsu.org.uk](http://www.thecpsu.org.uk)

ChildLine 0800 1111 / [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Kidscape [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

Anti-Bullying Alliance [www.antibullyingalliance.org](http://www.antibullyingalliance.org)

BEF Safeguarding Officer 02476 69887

*Information taken from the Child Protection in Sport Unit website.*