



# Staying Safe in Sport: Fencing

## Scottish Fencing

### Welcome!

Welcome to our first newsletter to support clubs to make sure that all our athletes, children and adults are safe and able to enjoy the fantastic sport of fencing.

#### Developments at Scottish Fencing:

The past few months in Scottish Fencing have seen some exciting developments with the recruitment of new directors.

As one of the new Directors I would like to introduce myself. My name is **LESLEY O'DONNELL** and I have taken on the responsibility for Welfare within the Board.

As part of this role we plan to send some information to parents and children in the near future to highlight how

they can keep themselves or their children safe while participating in the sport of fencing.

To ensure that you have all the information you need to continue to keep children safe we have updated the Child Protection Documents on the Scottish fencing website.

[www.scottish-fencing.com](http://www.scottish-fencing.com)

These can be found on the **Child Protection page**, accessed from the home page. You will find all you need under the heading:

**"Information for clubs"**

We have included a range of documents that you can download and simply add in your own club details.

We have also included a poster from Children 1st, Safeguarding in Sport. This poster has space for you to add the name of your Child Protection Officer and can be downloaded and printed as you need it.

You will also find a leaflet suitable for children to ensure they know who to speak to if they are worried



If you feel you need to update your Child

Protection knowledge we have a **Level 1 course on the 27th Sept 10.00-12.30 in Dunfermline**. More details on the [Scottish Fencing webpage](#)

### Points to remember:

- > All that is asked of anyone is to **recognize** when a child has been harmed or is at risk of harm, **respond** to that concern and **record** it
- > If a child is in **IMMEDIATE** danger you need to take **IMMEDIATE** action: **CALL the POLICE** on **999**

### So what do I need for my club?

Good practice would encourage you to have the following:

- Child Protection Policy
- Code of conduct for coaches (and parents/carers)
- An appropriate person acting as Child Protection Officer
- Role descriptions for those undertaking regulated work e.g Lead Coach, Assistant coach, Child Protection Officer
- Information to let children know who to contact if they are worried
- Information to let adults/parents know who to contact if they are worried about a child

**The really good news is these are ALL available on the Scottish fencing website!**

**Click on the Child protection page from the home page**

#### So who can help?

Lesley O'Donnell Director Welfare Scottish Fencing email: [lesley@scottish-fencing.com](mailto:lesley@scottish-fencing.com)  
 You can also contact the Scottish fencing office on 0131 339 4480, [admin@scottish-fencing.com](mailto:admin@scottish-fencing.com) who will pass a message on  
 British Fencing also have an Equality and Safeguarding Manager who can be contacted on 077177 40125, for **URGENT** issues: **07526 00 30 30**



### Useful resources

<http://www.children1st.org.uk/what-we-do/our-services/search-our-services/safeguarding-in-sport>

<http://withscotland.org/>

WithScotland web page can provide you with the details of services in your local area. You can add then add this detail to any of your club documents

[www.sportscouchuk.org](http://www.sportscouchuk.org)

This site provides excellent resources to support coaching in all sports and has links to useful child protection resources