



To be completed by the welfare officer;

### **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT FROM CLUBS**

Our organisation acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard, protect and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

#### **Health and Safety**

When running sports sessions, leaders must be appropriately qualified to ensure sessions are appropriate to the age, ability and size of the participants. Leaders are required to present identification to be kept on file at the Academy so they can be identified at sessions.

Leaders are responsible for the health and safety of those in their care and are required to ensure a safe environment in which the sport can be undertaken. An appropriately trained first aider is required at each session. All equipment should be safe and appropriate for the intended use.

#### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

Any person involved with the organisation (whether coach, volunteer, staff, spectator, participant or parent) has a responsibility to protect young people. They must be familiar with and be able to recognise any indicators that may suggest a child is a victim of abuse. They must also be aware of the appropriate action to take if they have any concerns regarding a child's safety. Therefore, they should familiarise themselves with the organisation's policy and guidelines regarding child abuse.

All organisations must have a Safeguarding and Child Protection policy which includes;

- recognising and responding to abuse
- responding to allegations of abuse made against a child
- recruiting the right people to work and volunteer with children
- preventing and responding to bullying
- responding to concerns about online abuse
- ensuring photographs and images of children are taken, stored and shared appropriately
- whistleblowing.

#### **DBS Checks**

To ensure individuals are suitable to work with children, it's crucial to recruit safely. DBS checks provide a full criminal record check and are a requirement for individuals who want to work or volunteer with vulnerable people, such as children and young people.

#### **Insurance**

Sports leaders and participants are required to have appropriate insurance that covers personal accidents and public liability.

I confirm all coaches, staff and volunteers have had the following checks;

- DBS check
- Identity check
- Evidence of qualifications applicable to the role
- Registration with applicable governing body/ personal insurance
- Safeguarding training
- First Aid trained individual for each session

And all persons relating to the organisation are aware of the Safeguarding and child protection policy.

Signature ..... (Welfare Officer)

Print Name ..... Date.....