CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

The Fighting Falcons School of Martial Arts acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practise reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practise and WAKO GB requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances it aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

- Have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at the fighting falcons in a safe and child centred environment.
- Are protected from abuse whilst participating in Martial Arts or outside of the activity.

The Fighting Falcons School of Martial Arts acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy the Fighting Falcons School of Martial Arts will:

- Promote and prioritise the safety and well being of children and young people
- Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and
 is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to
 signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young
 people.
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individuals who raise or disclose the concern.
- Ensure confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored.
- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals.
- Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation. The club will take its guidance from WAKO GB policies and relevant CPSU guidelines.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved with the Fighting Falcons School of Martial Arts. Failure to comply with policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the School.

MONITORING

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance.

 As a required by the state of the state
- As required by the local safeguarding children children board, UK sport and/or a clubs Home County Sports Council.
- As a result of any other significant change or event.

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