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Safeguarding Children Policy

For Windermere All Stars Netball Club

1. Introduction

- i. Windermere All Stars Netball Club is a community-run club for the purpose of teaching children Netball skills and development.
- ii. The community club is based at: Windermere School, Patterdale Road, Windermere, The Lake District LA23 1NW.
- iii. The club has adopted this Safeguarding Children Policy and expects every adult working or helping at Windermere All Stars Netball Club to support it and comply with it. This policy applies to all staff, managers, trustees, directors, and volunteers.

2. Purpose of the Policy

- i. This policy is intended to protect children and young people who receive any service from us, including those who are the children of adults who may receive services from us.
- ii. The Club believes that no child or young person should experience abuse or harm and is committed to their protection. This policy provides guidance and overarching principles for volunteers and staff to follow.

3. The Risks to Children

Children may need protection from situations including, but not limited to: sexual abuse, grooming, physical or emotional abuse, domestic violence, bullying, cyberbullying, exploitation, unsafe environments, or inappropriate supervision.

4. Universality of Protection

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children regardless of race, gender, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation or identity have equal rights to protection.
- Some children are more vulnerable due to circumstances or communication needs.
- Working with children, parents, guardians, carers and agencies is essential for wellbeing protection.

5. Safeguarding Children at Events/Activities

Policies on supervision, registration, consent, and safety apply depending on the nature of the activity and the age of the child.

6. Disclosure and Barring

- i. The club offers Netball training and development for children.

ii. Some roles may require DBS checks depending on access to children.

iii. Allegations of impropriety are taken seriously and will be reviewed immediately.

7. Prevention of Bullying

The club will not tolerate bullying. Incidents will be reviewed and appropriate action taken in line with club procedures.

8. Photographing Children

Photographs may be taken at events. The club reserves the right to use suitable photographs of attendees.

9. Managing Behaviour, Discipline and Acceptable Restraint

Guidelines for adult conduct, behaviour management, physical restraint, and disciplinary procedures.

10. Legal Framework

This policy is drawn up in accordance with UK safeguarding and data legislation including the Children Acts (1989, 2004), GDPR, and the Data Protection Act 2018.

This policy is approved and endorsed by Windermere All Stars Netball Club and is reviewed annually.

Signed:  _____

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