



Media Advice to SGB's Child Protection

In light of recent media attention, we are aware that clubs from across all sports may have increased anxiety about child protection. If this is the case, you can contact the JudoScotland Child Protection Officer Colin Aitken at cpo@judoscotland.com or Safeguarding in Sport at 0141 419 1156 for advice, guidance and help.

Our advice to clubs with junior members would be to ensure that you have:

- A named contact for the co-ordination of child protection, with a role description, who has attended recommended training
- A Child Protection Policy which reflects national guidelines, adopted by the Board / Executive / Management Committee.
- A Code of Conduct for working with children and young people.
- A variety of child protection training offered at appropriate levels for those working or volunteering with children and young people in sport.
- A procedure for the recruitment and selection of those who work with children and young people, including access to PVG Scheme Membership checks.
- A procedure for responding to concerns about the welfare or abuse of a child- within or out with sport.
- A disciplinary procedure for managing concerns and allegations of poor practice, misconduct and child abuse and includes provision for referrals to the Children's List.
- A procedure for reviewing the management of concerns about poor practice, misconduct and / or child abuse.

If somebody raises child protection concerns in relation to a coach / volunteer who is currently practicing then you should follow your 'Responding to Concerns' procedure. If it is a historical allegation then you should follow the same procedure and signpost the individual to Police Scotland on '101'. If you have a concern about a child's immediate safety then this should be passed on to Police or Social Work.