
Introduction

Motor Sport (North West) (The Club) is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

The Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people and vulnerable adults entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members. The Club confirms that it adheres to the MSUK Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines. The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.

Terminology

A young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in or present at any motor sport or other club activity. A vulnerable adult is one who may not be able to protect themselves from threat or harm.

Key Policy Principles

The Club recognises that all children and adults have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. The Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved, in whatever capacity, at the Club.

- The welfare of the child / vulnerable adult is, and must always be, paramount to any other consideration.
- All club events and activities, including those involving young people and vulnerable adults will follow and adhere to the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Children, Adults at Risk and Speak up Speak Out Policies and the Motorsport UK Race with Respect values.
- All participants regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, race, faith, culture, size, shape, language or sexual identity have the right to be protected from abuse or harm.
- All allegations, suspicions or concerns of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.

Safeguarding and Reporting

The Club has appointed a Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and notified this person to all members.

The CSO is Mark Wilkinson. If you witness or are aware of an incident where you are concerned the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the CSO. If at any time you are not able to contact your CSO and the matter is clearly serious then you can:

- Contact the Motorsport UK 01753 765000 and ask for a member of the Safeguarding Team or email safeguarding@motorsportuk.org
- Contact the Police or Children's Social Care
- Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0800 800 5000, text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Club Responsibilities

The Club will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors or officials will comply with guidance and best practice as issued by Motorsport UK.

In summary, the following points are considered as best practice to create a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for children:

- Adults should display high standards of personal behaviour and refrain from pursuits considered unhealthy in front of children and be good role models.
- Encourage positive, respectful and safe behaviour by all.
- Employees and volunteers should avoid working in isolation with children and out of sight of parents or other volunteers.
- Not drink alcohol excessively whilst responsible for children.
- Avoid smoking in the presence of children if you are in a position of trust such as a coach or team manager.
- Treat everyone with respect.
- Share any concerns about a child's safety and welfare with the Head of Safeguarding or CSO without delay, or, if necessary directly to police or children's social care.

The following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Club, Motor Sport UK or Statutory Agencies if relevant.

- Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply.
- Humiliating children.
- Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material.
- Using obscene or foul language.
- Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child.
- Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child.
- Sharing the same immediate accommodation, e.g. overnight room, with children when away at events (excluding parents).

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Motorsport UK Safeguarding Team

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NSPCC Helpline

Telephone number: 0808 800 5000

Police

Emergency: 999
Non-emergency: 101