

## Safeguarding Policy

*This Code of Conduct is based on nationally recognised best practice standards as developed by the NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit. Having a proactive Club Safeguarding Officer is an integral requirement of this Code of Conduct.*

**Epynt Motor 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.

1. The Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults entrusted to its care and is committed to providing a safe environment for all members.
2. The Club confirms that it adheres to [Motorsport UK safeguarding policies and procedures](#), practices and guidelines as published from time to time. The Club will follow this guidance in the event of any concerns or allegations and without fail will report concerns as required by the Policy and procedures.
3. For the purposes of Safeguarding, a child is anyone under the age of 18. This provision reflects sexual offences legislation whereby any young person aged 16 or 17 may be influenced by participants in a position of trust or authority.
4. The key principles of this policy are as follows:
  - o The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other consideration
  - o All Club events and activities will follow and adhere to the [Motorsport UK Race with Respect Code](#)
  - o All participants regardless of age, sex, race, disability, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, or religious background have the right to be protected from abuse or harm
  - o All allegations, suspicions or concerns of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously will be reported as required and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately and respecting relevant principles of confidentiality
5. The Club recognises that all children 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.



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6. The Club will appoint a [Club Safeguarding Officer](#) (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and ensure that the CSO is Licensed by Motorsport UK.
7. The Club will share the identity of the CSO with all members. The CSO for Epynt Motor Club is Daniel Harper – 07943 828 463 / [danharp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:danharp@hotmail.co.uk).
8. If you witness or are aware of an incident where you are concerned that the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the CSO.
9. If you are not able to contact the CSO or have a concern that a child or person is at risk of immediate harm, contact:
  - o The Police via 999 (emergency)
  - o Other organisations offer 24-hour helplines such as: [Childline](#) 0800 1111 or the [NSPCC](#) 0800 800 5000
  - o The [Motorsport UK Safeguarding Team](#) can be contacted on 01753 765000 or 07851248672 or email [safeguarding@motorsportuk.org](mailto:safeguarding@motorsportuk.org)
10. The Club will follow Motorsport UK guidance for regulated activity and ensure that anyone that meets the eligibility criteria for a [Disclosure check](#) (DBS, or PVG in Scotland) does not perform in this capacity until a satisfactory check has been returned.
11. The Club will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors, teams or officials will comply with all guidance and best practice as issued by Motorsport UK.
12. In summary, the following points are considered as best practice to create a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for children:
  - o Adults should display high standards of behaviour and refrain from pursuits considered inappropriate in front of children
  - o Adults should avoid working in isolation with children and out of sight of parents, guardians or other volunteers.
  - o Avoiding smoking in the presence of children if you are in a position of trust
13. The following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the Club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Club and Motorsport UK:
  - o Being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs whilst responsible for children
  - o Providing alcohol or illicit drugs to any person including children/young adults or allowing its supply
  - o Humiliating or bullying children in person or through a third party or in any form of media including chat rooms or forums even where considered to be private or of limited access



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- o Using obscene or inappropriate language
- o Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child
- o Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any young person less than 18 years of age where there is a position of trust
- o Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material

With the exception of close family members or legal guardians, the following are **NOT** acceptable:

- o Unnecessary physical contact with a child or young person
- o Sharing the same immediate accommodation, e.g. overnight room with children or young persons when travelling away or at events

14. The Club will review this Policy annually.

This Safeguarding Policy was last updated on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

[MSUK will be publishing a guide for clubs on how to write a safeguarding policy. This will be considered at the next review]



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