



# Stonehaven & District Angling Association



## Young persons and vulnerable adults protection policy

This document outlines the Stonehaven and District Angling Association's (SDAA) commitment to protecting young people and vulnerable adults. The SDAA is a voluntarily run, constituted association with the aim of providing angling opportunities for its members and to promote the sport of angling in the local community.

For the purposes of this policy a young person is recognised as someone under the age of 18.

For the purposes of this policy a vulnerable adult is recognised as an adult (a person aged 18 or over) who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.

This could include people with learning difficulties, mental health problems, older people and people with a physical disability or impairment. It may also include victims of domestic abuse, hate crime and anti-social abuse behaviour.

SDAA volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of young people and vulnerable adults. This policy is based on the following principles:

- All young people and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Protecting young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of all SDAA volunteers.
- Young people and vulnerable adults have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- Our association shall work in partnership with young people and parents/carers/teachers to promote the welfare, health and development of young people and vulnerable adults.

**SDAA volunteers will support the duties of the association to:**

- Ensure that opportunities for young people and vulnerable adults to take part in outdoor activities are operated safely.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and vulnerable adults whom we may interact with.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of young people and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse whilst involved in our activities.
- Support and supervise volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people and vulnerable adults from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Require volunteers to adopt and abide by this policy.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of young people or vulnerable adults in line with this policy as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children. Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen's Child Protection Committee follows the Scottish Government's Guidance on. [National guidance for child protection in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy.

**SDAA volunteers will:**

- Follow this policy at all times when working with young people and vulnerable adults.
- Act appropriately around young people and vulnerable adults and use appropriate language at all times. Make physical contact that is in line with the outdoor education activity only.
- Never spend time alone with a young person or vulnerable adult.
- Ensure young people and vulnerable adults are never left on their own or with an unknown adult.
- Should a young person or vulnerable adult wish to tell a volunteer about a matter that concerns them they will:
  - Listen patiently and calmly to the young person or vulnerable adult.
  - Never promise to keep it a secret – tell them you must let someone else know.
  - Reassure the young person or vulnerable adult they are doing the right thing by telling you.
  - Report the conversation to the SDAA welfare officer.
  - Write a factual account of anything seen or heard that concerned you immediately and make available to the welfare officer.

### **Photography and/or filming. SDAA volunteers will:**

- Always ask for consent from a young person or vulnerable adult and their parents or carers before taking and using an image
- Always explain what images will be used for, how they will be stored and what potential risks are associated with sharing images.
- Make it clear that if a young person, vulnerable adult, their family or carers withdraw consent for an image to be shared, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been shared or published.
- Never identify a young person's or vulnerable adult's name with their photograph.
- Never publish personal information about individuals and disguise any identifying information (for example the name of their school or a school uniform with a logo)
- Make sure young people and vulnerable adults, their parents and carers understand how images will be securely stored and for how long (including how we will control access to the images and their associated information)
- Reduce the risk of images being copied and used inappropriately by:
  - Only using images in appropriate clothing (including safety wear if necessary)
  - Avoiding full face and body shots taking part in activities such as swimming where there may be a heightened risk of images being misused.
  - Using images that positively reflect involvement in the activity.

### **Photography and/or filming for personal use**

When young person or vulnerable adults themselves, parents, carers or spectators are taking photographs or filming at our events and the images are for personal use, we will publish guidance about image sharing in the event programmes and/or announce details of our photography policy before the start of the event. This includes:

- Reminding young people, vulnerable adults, parents, carers that they need to give consent for the SDAA to take and use their images.
- Asking everyone to gain permission from young people, vulnerable adults, their parents and carers before sharing photographs and videos that include them.
- Recommending that everyone check the privacy settings of their social media account to understand who else will be able to view any images they share.
- Reminding young people, vulnerable adults, parents and carers who they can talk to if they have any concerns about images being shared.

More information is available here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/briefings/photography-sharing-images-guidance>