

Club Welfare and Child Protection policy guide for Parents, Guardians and Carers

Definitions

A **junior member** is defined as a person under 18 years of age.

A **vulnerable adult** is defined as a person of 18 years of age or over but through mental or physical attributes requires a higher level of supervision than would be commensurate with an adult member.

Guidelines

Whilst this Club has a duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure the general welfare and protection of children and vulnerable adult members, in particular during the actual act of model aircraft flying and associated pre-flight and post-flight procedures, the Club will not undertake the responsibilities of those acting in the role of guardians or carers unless specifically arranged.

Should you wish to leave a child or a vulnerable adult at the flying site, it is your responsibility to arrange for one of the qualified club members to supervise him/her during your absence and, if necessary, make arrangements for the member to be able to make contact with you. Our activities at the flying site do not finish at a regular time so it is your responsibility to ensure the well being of your charge over and above arranging a predetermined collection time.

Should your child have any special medical or physical needs you are required to advise the Club in writing.

Should physical contact be required during model flying for instructional or any other purposes these will be explained to you and you will be required to record your agreement in writing defining the type and limits of contact.

Should the Club wish to use a photographic image of your child, the Club will follow the guidelines laid down by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit. In addition, your written consent will be required for the Club to do so.

In addition this Club has specific rules and policies relating to children and vulnerable adults, a copy of which has been provided to you. More information is also available from the BMFA if required.

This membership form must be countersigned by the parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age or by the authorised carer of a vulnerable adult, thereby signifying acceptance of the conditions of membership.

Should you wish to discuss any issue, have any concerns, or have suggestions on how we may improve our policies, then please contact Martin Dance, club Chairman and Welfare Officer.