



## Child Safeguarding Policy Statement - 2026

**The Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge** 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 Championship.

1. The Championship acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all participants.
2. The Championship confirms that it adheres to the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines. The Championship will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
3. The Championship 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.
4. A child is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any motor sport activity.
5. The key principles of this policy are as follows:
  - The welfare of the child is paramount.
  - All children, regardless of age, ability, culture, race, language, religious beliefs, sexual or gender identity, have equal rights to protection.
  - Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. All volunteers and other participants have a responsibility to respond positively in response to any concerns, suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a child is at risk of harm.
  - Children, volunteers and other participants involved in child protection issues will receive appropriate support.
  - Participants and volunteers with roles and responsibilities for children and young people will be subject to appropriate safe recruitment checks and safeguarding training.
  - Participants and volunteers will receive appropriate learning and training opportunities to ensure they can make informed and confident responses to safeguarding issues.
  - The Championship is committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all children and young people to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities for as long as they choose to do so.
6. The Championship will appoint a Championship Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and notify this person to all members.
7. The appointed Championship CSO is Rhona Dickie (07833 337836).
8. 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 our CSO or the matter is clearly serious then you can either:
  - Contact the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Team [safeguarding@motorsportuk.org](mailto:safeguarding@motorsportuk.org) .
  - Contact the Police or Children's Social Care.
  - Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) .
9. The Championship will follow Motorsport UK guidance and ensure that anyone that meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check (PVG in Scotland) does not perform in this capacity until a satisfactory check has been returned.
10. The Championship will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors or officials will comply with all guidance and best practice as issued by Motorsport UK.
11. The following are considered as best practice to create a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for children:
  - Adults should display high standards of behaviour and refrain from pursuits considered inappropriate in front of children.
  - Adults should avoid working in isolation with children and out of sight of parents, guardians and other volunteers. The only exceptions to this are while participating in a formal driver training session or when a driver and co-driver are going to, on or returning from a special stage.

- Avoid smoking in the presence of children if you are in a position of trust.

12. The following are NOT acceptable and will be treated seriously by the Championship and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Championship and/or Motorsport UK:

- Being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs whilst responsible for children.
- Providing alcohol or illicit drugs to any person including children/young adults or allowing their supply.
- Humiliating or bullying children in person or through a third party or in any form of media including but not limited to chat rooms or forums even where considered to be private or of limited access.
- Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child or young person.
- Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material.

With the exception of close family members or legal guardians, the following are NOT acceptable and will be treated seriously by the Championship and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Championship and/or Motorsport UK:

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

13. The Championship will review this policy annually.

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