



NWSS Rules, Safeguarding, Child Welfare and Vulnerable Adult Policy

All members must act responsibly and especially when acting as part of or on behalf of the Association.

In accordance with the Association's Constitution all members are expected to behave in a responsible manner, adhere to the core values of the Constitution and be accountable for their actions.

During Association meetings Members are encouraged to be open and honest, speak one at a time, trust each other, respect confidentiality and respect other people's abilities.

Members are expected to avoid all texts, emails and other forms of communication involving language that may cause stress or harm to others.

At all times Members should act democratically with differences discussed openly and not behind people's backs.

As an Association we will contribute to the safeguarding of children and young people (classed as being under the age of 18) and as such the Association has a role in ensuring that events and meetings are held in a safe environment for children and families to attend and at all times will look to safeguard children and young people.

Whilst the Association will organise events for all to attend (subject to licensing laws and restrictions) and in the case of children and young people who are not independent enough to be supervised in public the Association expect that parents and carers will appropriately supervise their children. The Association does not offer Childcare Services, it does not offer to take over the responsibility for the care of the children and young people.

In the case where children and young people are deemed to be independent, they can take part in the event unaccompanied by their parents/carers but at the discretion of the Committee if deemed necessary and, in such cases, the Committee decision will be final.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As such the Association has a Safeguarding Officer (details on the website) and will be guided by the local safeguarding protocols

Any member is encouraged to report any concerns about harm being caused or likely to be caused to a child or young person to the designated Safeguarding Officer.

The Safeguarding Officer will ensure that a written record is kept of any concern that is raised and as such will pass on any information to Children Services or the Police if the concern is deemed to be of a high concern. The Safeguarding Officer and Association will cooperate with the Child Welfare Services with regards to child protection investigations if required to do so.

The above rules will also apply to anyone deemed to be a vulnerable adult for these purposes.