



## SAFER SPORTING EVENTS

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### (1) Statement for Events

We want our events to be excellent where people can perform to their best and take part safely. Most people will enter into the spirit of our events that are governed by the British Taekwondo Codes of Conduct. We reserve the right to remove any person from the area of the event who contravenes this code.

### (2) Good Practice Guidance for Referees

When refereeing young players, referees should:

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment.
- Appreciate the needs of the players.
- Be a positive role model.
- Recognise that safety is paramount.
- Explain decisions: most young players are still learning.
- Never tolerate verbal abuse.

Officials must always report, to the appropriate person, behaviour that you feel contravenes British Taekwondo's Child and Adults at Risk Policies. This can include:

- Verbal bullying by coaches/parents/spectators.
- Physical abuse by coaches/parents/spectators.
- Inappropriate or aggressive contact by an adult to a young player.
- Verbal abuse directed at the official by young people or adults.

Officials should not:

- Change in the same area as young players if at all possible and ensure that they are not left alone with a child in the changing rooms.
- Be alone with young players at any time. If a young player comes into the changing room, ensure that another adult is present.
- Administer first aid if a nominated first aider is present.
- Allow a player to continue to participate if there are doubts about their fitness.
- Tolerate bad language.
- Engage in any inappropriate contact with young players.
- Give a lift to a young player unless there are other young people or adults in the car and parents are aware and have given formal consent. Where a child is transported they should be in the back seat of the car.
- Take a young player to your home.
- Overtly criticise young players or use language which may cause the player to lose confidence or self-esteem.
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players even in fun.

REMEMBER: The welfare of all people is paramount.

### (3) Taekwondo Courses

British Taekwondo recommends that all courses should:

- Advertise the ratio of coach to pupil which should not exceed 1:12.
- Employ staff that are approved by British Taekwondo for the role they are fulfilling and must abide by the relevant code of conduct.

Course organisers must ensure that:

- Venues are suitable for the purposes of training.
- All staff (including volunteers) comply with British Taekwondo requirements and are criminal record checked.
- All staff have attended a course in 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children'.
- A named welfare officer is present at all times.
- A named person qualified in emergency first aid is present at all times.
- All coaches have a qualification that is recognised by British Taekwondo.
- The course has an advertised minimum and maximum number of hours per day tuition.
- If overnight accommodation is required, this must be supervised at all times.
- Suitable entertainment and supervision is available during free time.
- Information points must display all relevant information at all times.
- A minimum number of members of staff are on duty at all times and a rota setting out this information must be displayed on all information points.
- Access telephone numbers for parents must appear on all information.
- A code of conduct for attendees is included in the information pack.
- Where possible staff, both male and female, are present at all times.

Please also refer to the Away Trips Policy.