

# DCB Child Welfare/Coach Education: SPC

## SAFE GUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN WORKSHOP.

Previously known as the Good Practice and Child Protection Workshop.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION - THE WIDER CONTEXT

The Government's Every Child Matters: Change for Children strategy, developed in response to the enquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié, provides the context for the revised Good Practice and Child Protection workshop.

The sports sector has developed and is implementing an approach to safeguarding that reflects the Every Child Matters agenda.



The course is aimed at prospective and experienced coaches (this is a pre-requisite course for all coaches who wish to enroll on UKCC courses) and club welfare officers (this course must be taken in advance of the time to listen course).

This course is also a requirement for coaches wishing to attain Derbyshire Coach Mark.



### sports coach UK – Safeguarding and Protecting Children Facts.

In the '90s increasing numbers of high profile cases of child abuse in sport motivated sports organisations to change what had been a very reactive approach to child protection. Since then there has been a widespread acceptance across the sector of children's right to enjoy their sporting activities in a safe environment – to have fun and be safe. Sports organisations also recognise their responsibilities to be alert to concerns about children's welfare and protection in the wider community. Sports organisations have put in place child protection policies and procedures to ensure that everyone knows what to do if they have a concern; safe recruitment practices for those working with children; and codes of conduct for all. It is therefore vital that everyone working with children, or responsible for children's activities, is given access to opportunities to increase their awareness and confidence in responding appropriately should concerns arise.

**sports coach UK** is committed to raising awareness of and implementing action plans for child protection, and ensuring that sport is fun and safe for all children. Since 1996, we have worked in partnership with the NSPCC (specifically the Child Protection in Sport Unit, since 2001), Sport England, the home country sports councils and the police to develop information, guidance, training and implementation support for child protection policies.

**sports coach UK** has trained specialist 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' tutors and tailored workshops are available to meet specific needs. A range of publications is available and further details of workshops and publications are available on request.