Legacy Combat Academy - Safeguarding Policy

- The safeguarding policy aims to introduce all members of the club to the safeguarding leads, the designated club welfare officer, and outline the procedures involved in safeguarding within this club.
- The club welfare officer is a safeguarding trained, DBS checked adult member of the club responsible for supporting a positive child centred environment, leading on key safe guarding procedures, implementing the safeguarding policies and code of conduct, and assist the club in safeguarding children by being the first point of contact for concerns about children.
- The safeguarding leads are DBS checked adult members of the club with experience in safeguarding who are jointly responsible for dealing with all issues relating to safeguarding. They are explicitly aware of the procedures relating to safeguarding and child protection. The safeguarding leads are committed to ensuring all members are adhering to the policies and code of conduct set by the club and both maintain key safeguarding contact details so that all safeguarding concerns can be escalated correctly. The club welfare officer has knowledge and understanding of legislation and government guidance relating to safeguarding, and awareness of how to be vigilant of and recognise evidence of child protection concerns, including neglect, physical/emotional/sexual abuse, bullying and mental health.
- Members should be aware that they should report all safeguarding concerns directly to the safeguarding leads for the club (Ian Murphy and Charlie Gascoyne) or to the designated club welfare officer (Charlie Gascoyne) understanding that they will follow this up and take the appropriate action, escalating to the relevant authorities as needed. Concerns can also be escalated directly to Rachel Smith - head of safeguarding at BT (Safeguarding@britishtaekwondo.org). Rachel can also be contacted by any member at any time should they require advice or guidance relating to safeguarding.
- The club should always have a DBS credited member of staff at each lesson and children are never to be left unattended or in the care of an underage member of the club, or with a non-DBS checked member of the club.
- The welfare officer and the safeguarding leads have a responsibility to document everything and anything that is reported to us immediately, verbatim, and ensure this is dated and kept confidential in a secure record that can be accessed by the welfare officer and the safeguarding leads and passed to the relevant authorities as requested.
- Members are expected to disclose any safeguarding concerns and any information that a child discloses to them directly to the designated safeguarding leads as a matter of urgency. Members should not promise to keep secret anything disclosed to them by a child, nor should they share that information to anyone outside of the club safeguarding leads or the relevant authorities.
- Members have a duty of care to protect child members of the club and this includes adhering to all safeguarding policy aspects. If any member has any concerns regarding a child's welfare, they should feel that their concerns will be

listened to, taken seriously, and that the established procedures will be followed by the safeguarding leads.
- Any complaints relating to the behaviour or conduct of any member of the group can be reported to the safeguarding leads and should the need arise, the appropriate disciplinary procedures can be pursued and the necessary sanctions applied.

The full details of Safeguarding policy and procedure is explained in the specific documents as follows:

- LCA Safeguarding-Adults-Sport-Activity-Club October 2021
- LCA Safeguarding Policy - Children Final October 2021

In addition, Legacy Combat Academy abides by the policy set out by the National Governing Body (British Taekwondo) which can be found here:

https://www.britishtaekwondo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/BT-Safeguarding-Policy-Apr-2020-1.pdf

Useful Contacts & Resources

Supportline

Support for children, young adults and adults including those affected by sexual, emotional and physical abuse.
01708 765200
www.supportline.org.uk

NSPCC

Help for adults concerned about a child.
0808 800 5000

Childline

Line for children to talk about anything. No problem is too big or too small.
0800 1111

Learning disability

Challenging Behaviour Foundation

For families & professionals caring for children & adults with severe learning disabilities & challenging behaviour.
0300 666 0126

National Autistic Society

For impartial, confidential advice and support on autism for anyone affected by, or researching autism.
0808 800 4104

Sexual abuse

The Survivors Trust

Support & advice for anyone who has experienced rape or sexual abuse.
0808 801 0818
www.thesurvivorstrust.org

MOSAC (Mothers of Sexually Abused Children)

Supporting all non-abusing parents and carers whose children have been sexually abused.
0800 980 1958
www.mosac.org.uk

National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC**)**

Support line for adults who have suffered any type of abuse in childhood.
0808 801 0331
www.napac.org.uk

Elder abuse

Action on Elder Abuse

Help and advice on all aspects of elder abuse.
080 8808 8141

National Dementia Helpline

Information, support and advice about dementia.
03002221122

Domestic abuse

National Domestic Violence Helpline

Freephone 24hr national domestic violence helpline.
England: 0808 2000 247

Bright Sky UK

A directory of resources to help you find support in your area.

Start here.

Abuse in sport

NSPCC dedicated footballers hotline

Free helpline for adults who experiences sexual abuse as a young footballer.
0800 023 2642

Mental health

Thinkaction

Support for people with mild to severe mental health difficulties.
0300 012 0012

Mind infoline

Information on mental health and where to get help.
0300 123 3393

Addiction

Drinkline

A free helpline for people concerned about their drinking, or someone else's.
0300 123 1110

FRANK

Friendly, confidential advice about drugs and drug use.
0300 123 6600

Advocacy

POhWER

Information, advice, support and advocacy services in England – to help your voice be heard.
0300 456 2370

VoiceAbility

If you need support, VoiceAbility will help you to speak up and be heard, have rights respects & be at the heart of decisions.
01223555800

Other

Victim support

For anyone affected by crime in England or Wales.
08 08 16 89 111

Samaritans

Emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicide.
08457 90 90 90 (24hrs)

Stop Hate Crime

Reporting + support for victims, witnesses & third parties.
0800 138 1625

Signed 

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