



## CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES AND DUTY OF CARE GUIDELINES

- Cornwall Athletic Club takes its responsibility to take reasonable steps to protect children/young people who are members of the club very seriously. Therefore the club has two Welfare Secretaries, Mandy Sinden and Simon Vage, who are trained and aware of what needs to happen in most child protection situations. All the relevant club officials will also receive health and safety training and the club has qualified first aiders. Where the club is in any doubt about its duty of care responsibilities, or those of any of the club members or associates, it will consult UKA and the local Social Services department.
- All club officials are sensitively and securely recruited and vetted. All club officials that have substantial access to children/young people also have the relevant training and will be vigilant in all that they do in relation to child protection matters. All of the club members have access to the UKA Duty of Care Guidelines via the Club Secretary. All the club officials are aware of the contact details of the statutory organisations that have legal responsibility to respond to all child protection concerns.
- Disabled children and young people are sometimes more vulnerable and club officials will consider what additional steps that may need to be taken to safeguard their welfare. Parents/carer's consent must be obtained relating to any specific differences in handling required in training/participating and for meeting any specific care needs.
- CAC has a series of 'Codes of Conduct' for Athletes, Parents and Carers, and Coaches/Officials/Team Managers/Volunteers available on the club website, in the welcome pack and on the notice board these are based upon the UK Athletics & Cornwall Sports Partnership guidelines (Copies of these available for viewing from CAC Secretary, Emma Stallard, or at the leisure centre reception).
- CAC feels very strongly that all young people should feel safe from harm when training with CAC or at an event or promotion. Therefore, if any athlete feels unsafe in any way or another club member or family member notices an undesirable situation occurring to another club member, they should contact the CAC Welfare Secretaries Mandy Sinden on 01326 562597, or by email at [scarrycoach@aol.com](mailto:scarrycoach@aol.com) or Simon Vage on 07720 715152 or by email at [dunmonian@aol.com](mailto:dunmonian@aol.com)