

## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to ensure that everyone associated with Playermade operates with a child-centered approach, adhering strictly to our established policies and procedures. This document serves as a crucial part of practice for anyone delivering training, undergoing training, or associated with Playermade in any capacity.

### **Mission Statement**

At Playermade, we exist to help players unleash their elite potential. This commitment goes beyond sharing our expertise; it requires our dedication, obsession, conviction, and ambition. We believe in our athletes and their abilities more than they believe in themselves. Our mission is to empower them with a winner's mentality and a mindset that embraces the possibility of achieving greatness. Future champions will be Playermade.

### **Our Aim**

Our aim is to cultivate a harmonious social environment where children and young people engaged in sports can learn, train, and exercise safely. Through structured and informed exercise, young people can thrive, reaching their full potential and fostering a long, prosperous relationship with sport.

### **Our Duty**

As individuals entrusted with the care of young people, it is our duty to ensure that we act confidently, are well-informed, and are capable of limiting risks to everyone associated with our services. We must ensure that those participating in our programs, acting as guardians, or providing oversight for any member are aware of their roles in safeguarding and are appropriately informed on how to maintain safety for themselves and others. Coaches are made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities through the Coaches Handbook.

### **Your Duty**

Guardians or responsible adults for any young person accessing our services have a responsibility to adhere to the relevant actions to safeguard themselves and others within our program. Detailed guidelines can be found in our Member Handbook.

### **Safeguarding Principles**

- 1. Child-Centered Approach:** The welfare of the child is our paramount concern. Every decision made will be in the best interest of the children and young people we serve.
- 2. Prevention:** We will take proactive steps to prevent abuse and promote well-being, ensuring a safe environment for all athletes.
- 3. Empowerment:** We will empower children and young people to express their views, be heard, and participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- 4. Partnership:** We will work collaboratively with parents, guardians, and external agencies to safeguard children and young people effectively.
- 5. Transparency:** We will maintain clear and open communication regarding our safeguarding practices and encourage feedback from everyone involved.

Any concerns relating to child protection should be raised immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Michelle Devlin, at [admin@playermade.co.uk](mailto:admin@playermade.co.uk).