

## GOLF CLUB SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

**Dunning** Golf Club has considered its responsibilities to the children participating in golf at our premises and within our club very carefully and has produced the following Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and underpinning procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for children and safeguarding the welfare of children in our care.

**Dunning** Golf Club affiliates to **SGU**, [and our professional coaching staff are members of the Professional Golfers' Association] \*. The Club recognises the policies of these Governing Bodies, as set in out at [www.childreningolf.org/aboutus/roles-responsibilities](http://www.childreningolf.org/aboutus/roles-responsibilities) \* Delete if not appropriate

### POLICY STATEMENT

**Dunning** Golf Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all children (defined as those under 18) involved in golf within the club. All children have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.

**Dunning** Golf Club will therefore endeavor to ensure the safety and protection of all children involved with the club through the Child Protection guidelines adopted by the Management Committee of the club. It is the responsibility of all adults within the club to assist the Management Committee in this endeavor.

### POLICY AIMS

1. To provide children with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and also help them to enjoy their experience of the sport
2. To reassure parents that their children will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the club
3. To provide support to staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively

### PRINCIPLES

4. The welfare of children is paramount
5. All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse
6. All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
7. All staff and volunteers working in golf have a responsibility to report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer
8. Adults – staff, volunteers, coaches, referees and members will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of children and young people

Individuals will receive support through education and training to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may come to light