

ATHOLL DANCING ASSOCIATION CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

We, the Committee, believe that Good Practice at events organised by the Atholl Dancing Association is as follows:

1. The welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone involved in Highland Dancing can help – adults and children alike.
Children and young people have a lot to gain from learning to dance. It is fun to learn new skills. They become more confident and are capable of entertaining all ages of audiences and have the opportunity to compete. However, the needs of the child take priority over exams and competition or entertaining.
2. The underlying principles with respect to Child Protection are that:
 - The child's welfare is the first consideration.
 - All children regardless of age, any disability they have, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have a right to be protected from abuse.
 - Children and young people must be treated with integrity and respect.
 - Children and young people's programmes and competitions will be relevant to their ages and stages of development.
3. We are committed to following the current advice and guidelines of the Child Protection in Sport Unit.
4. The Committee:
 - aims to organise enjoyable events, where young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat
 - acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon
 - provides clear, comprehensive, easily understood procedures for dealing with
 - allegations of abuse
 - requests for help and support on a confidential basis
 - will always emphasise good sportsmanlike behaviour
5. Our Child Protection Officers are:

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