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**RYSTON RUNNERS
ATHLETICS CLUB**

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Policy Objectives

Everyone who takes part in athletics is entitled to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment. Ryston Runners AC is committed to adopting and implementing the UKA policy document '*safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults in athletics, Policy and Procedures document*' (as amended)

A vulnerable adult is defined as a person over the age of 18 age who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself from significant harm or exploitation. A child is defined as a person under the age of 18.

Policy Statement

Ryston Runners AC fully accept their legal and moral obligation to provide a duty of care, to protect children and vulnerable adults whilst in their care and safeguard their welfare, irrespective of age, impairment, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity.

- The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount
- All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and in accordance with UKA guidelines and policy
- All individuals involved in coaching and/or volunteering for and on behalf of Ryston Runners AC understand and accept their responsibility to report concerns to the appointed Club Welfare Officer

In order to meet this obligation Ryston Runners AC will:

- Provide and enforce procedures in line with UKA guidance and policy
- Appoint and publicise a Club Welfare Officer
- Require all coaches and/or volunteers to adopt and abide by this policy
- Maintain Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) records for all coaches and/or volunteers
- Respect and uphold the rights, wishes and feelings of all children and vulnerable adults