

BRITISH WEIGHT LIFTING STATEMENT TO BWL CLUBS AND COACHES

BWL wants to take this opportunity to remind all of BWL Clubs and Coaches of the priority that BWL gives to the safeguarding of our members. BWL wishes to encourage you to reassure your parents in your clubs of the work BWL has already done in this area and that BWL has the following measures in place;

- » A safeguarding policy which includes robust reporting procedures and this can be found [here](#).

- » The BWL designated safeguarding children officer is Mrs Sue Ward, sue.ward@britishweightlifting.org Telephone; 0113 2249 402 Mobile; 07834 520747 who you can speak to if you're worried about anything? and also how to contact your Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) who can advise on local issues in your area. BWL advises this because BWL believes it is important that members/parents and young people know who to talk to if there's anything that's worrying them.

- » For the Coaches Code of Conduct [please click here](#).
For the Technical Officials Code of Conduct [please click here](#).
This is to ensure that the people who will be in charge of children in our sport have a set of rules and requirements they have to follow.

- » All staff/volunteer working with children are required to attend safeguarding training and have a DBS or AccessNI (vetting) check undertaken as part of the process of appointing them to work with young people.

- » Responding to non-recent allegations of abuse. BWL has a policy of what should happen in these cases. [Please click here to view the policy](#). If you or a member has concerns they should follow this policy.

If you are not sure on any of the above or wish greater detail then please contact the BWL Safeguarding Lead Officer, Mrs Sue Ward at sue.ward@britishweightlifting.org

