

Guide for Reporting Concerns within the Sport

Introduction

If you are responding to concerns, allegations or suspicions of suspected abuse from WITHIN the Weightlifting/Disability Powerlifting environment (e.g. in your Club):

If you are concerned about the behaviour of another adult in Weightlifting/Disability Powerlifting towards a young person

If the child requires immediate medical attention, call an ambulance and inform the doctor that there is a child protection concern

Report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer who will:

1. Complete the BWL Incident Report Form
2. Report to the BWL Lead Child Protection Officer
3. Where urgent concerns (BWL Lead Child Protection Officer unavailable) refer immediately to Children's Social Care /Police and copy incident Report form to both of them and the BWL Lead Child Protection Officer within 24 hours

British Weight Lifting Lead Child Protection Officer

British Weight Lifting Case Management Group decide which 'route' the case should take

Alleged Minor Poor Practice

Referred back to the club with advice on process to be followed

- Complaints procedure
- Disciplinary process
- No further action

Possible outcomes

- No case to answer
- Complaint resolved with agreement between parties
- Training /mentoring agreed
- More significant concerns emerged (refer back to Case Management Group)

Serious Poor Practice, Poor Practice with Wider Implications, Alleged Child Abuse

Possible Processes

- Child Protection investigation
- Criminal investigation/proceedings
- Investigation under disciplinary proceedings-including possible temporary suspension of person accused

BWL investigation pending outcome of Children's Social Care/ Police Investigation

Possible Outcomes

- No case to answer / Less serious-referred to complaints procedure
- Disciplinary hearing-sanctions
- Civil proceedings

Appeal