

SBGB Welfare & Safeguarding Strategy 2026

Vision – a future where skateboarding continues to develop as an enriched community of children, young people and adults who are inspired to work together to keep each other healthy and safe.

All staff, volunteers and participants should be safe and feel safe.

Progress – SBGB has established itself as the national governing body for skateboarding advocating and supporting the community. It has delivered a successful GB Olympic performance, received Sport England recognition, UK Sport and National Lottery funding, whilst experiencing growth in community roots involvement.

Approach

Leadership – lead responsibly and be accountable. Ongoing drive to embed positive safeguarding culture in skateboarding to ensure it is a safe and inclusive space, free from abuse or harm.

Culture – support and cultivate a safeguarding culture, empowering all to participate without fear of harm or abuse through effective leadership, governance, and training.

Operations – ensure all SBGB activities have the appropriate policies, procedures, guidance and practice to keep all staff, volunteers and participants safe. To further ensure that staff, members and participants act in accordance with these.

Focus

- Promote wellbeing and safeguarding in sport;
- Prevent and protect staff, volunteers and participants from harm or abuse; and
- Respond promptly and effectively manage any concerns raised.

How

- Ensure all safeguarding policy, procedure and guidance remain fit for purpose through case reviews, feedback and evaluation;
- Ensure all safeguarding policy, procedure and guidance are accessible and actively promoted to all SBGB staff, volunteers and participants;
- Ensure all safeguarding policy, procedure and guidance is updated upon any changes to legislation and effectively communicated to the SBGB community;
- Ensure all staff, volunteers, and partner operate in accordance with these policies and guidance.

- Ensure all individuals in a position of trust, board members governing safeguarding and all staff have safeguarding training contextualised for consideration in skateboarding;
- Ensure all SBGB board members, staff and volunteers have access to safeguarding and welfare advice when required by emailing the SBGB Safeguarding Lead safeguarding@skateboardgb.org;
- Ensure any welfare and safeguarding concerns raised are acted upon in a timely manner and evaluated for organisational learning and development;
- Ensure that the voices of staff, volunteers and participants are listened to for assurances that they feel safe and are safe and acted upon appropriately; and
- Ensure awareness of welfare and safeguarding is promoted from community grass roots through to high performance sport.

Monitoring

This strategy will be reviewed by the Skateboard GB board every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by UK Sport, Sport England, Sport Scotland, Sport NI or Sport Wales
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

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