

ASA adopts Child Protection Policy

At the recent ASA Annual General Meeting on 24th June 2010 the ASA adopted the following remit as part of its Constitution which will be binding on all its affiliated clubs.

Under the direction of the ASA's Board and Executive Officer a task force comprised of experts in the field has been working for several months now on the preparation of a 'best practice' protocol which is appropriate to the swimming context. It is anticipated that this protocol will be available for review by the ASA Board by the end of September. The remit, now adopted in the ASA Constitution reads:

3.05 Child Protection

The Association works closely with and has responsibility for athletes, many of whom are children (under 18 years of age). The Association abhors the abuse of all people, but especially of its members in general and children in particular in all its forms, be it expressed as neglect, bullying by peers or adults, verbal, emotional, physical or sexual abuse. ASA and its affiliated clubs have a responsibility to ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are established to safeguard all children and its members from any threat of or form of abuse while participating in any aspect of our sport. All children, able bodied or disabled have the right to protection. The Board of the Association through its Executive Officer is required to establish and maintain a Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct in accordance with best practice that will be binding on all its members to ensure there is a zero tolerance of any form or threat of abuse toward children.