

## **Scottish Pétanque Association**

### **Child Wellbeing & Protection Policy**

**The Scottish Pétanque Association is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.**

**Volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.**

**This document outlines the Association's commitment to protecting children, based on the following principles:**

1. A child is recognised as someone under the age of 18
2. A child has the right to relax, play and participate in pétanque
3. The protection and wellbeing of all children is everyone's responsibility
4. A child, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse
5. A child has the right to express views on all matters that affect them, should they wish to do so
6. A child's rights, wishes and feelings should be respected and promoted
7. The best way to promote the wellbeing, health and development of a child is to work in partnership with the child, parents/carers and other relevant organisations

#### **The Scottish Petanque Association will:**

- Promote the wellbeing of children through opportunities to take part in pétanque safely
- Put in place policies and procedures to promote the wellbeing and protection of children
- Recruit, train and support our volunteers to prioritise the wellbeing of children who take part in our activities and protect them from harm
- Require our volunteers to adopt and abide by the Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy and procedures including the Code of Conduct for Working with Children
- Respond to any child wellbeing or protection concerns in line with our policy and procedures

- Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the Child Protection and Wellbeing Policy and procedures regularly.

## **Review**

This Policy and associated procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within the Scottish Petanque Association.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within the Scottish Petanque Association.
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

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