



Dear Parent or Guardian

## What does Child Protection mean for you

Archery is a sport for people of all ages to take part in and enjoy. To ensure this, Scottish Archery has created a number of policies and guidelines to help achieve this. The most important one for you, as a parent/guardian of a junior member, is the **Child Protection Policy** and its **associated documents**. These documents set out how the SAA will keep its junior members safe from harm, and what to do should you a junior make a disclosure of harm.

Being a member of the Scottish Junior squad or the Junior Academy or just a club, means that juniors will be working with coaches or other experienced archers to help them achieve their potential in archery. Scottish Archery have taken steps to ensure that those members working with juniors are aware of their responsibilities to keep them safe from harm. Those who are AGB licensed coaches also have to comply with a document known as the **Code of Practice for Sports Coaches**. This document applies to all sports coaches, not just archery coaches.

## What the SAA will do if your child makes a disclosure

Children who are victims of harm may often make their initial disclosure to a person they trust, this may well be a member of the SAA. Should a disclosure be made, the SAA is duty bound to pass the information to the local Social Work Department, or if there is a significant risk of further immediate harm, the police. We will, where appropriate, make you aware of the disclosure.

If your child makes a disclosure is about someone out with the SAA you should contact your local Social Work Department. If you don't know their phone number, you can use the WithScotland<sup>1</sup> website and enter your postcode

If your child makes a disclosure to you about the conduct of a SAA member, please make the SAA or club child protection officer aware, so that we can start proceedings to deal with the matter.

If you have any question, please contact me

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<sup>1</sup> <http://withscotland.org/public>