



British Council for Chinese Martial Arts BCCMA

Safeguarding Update

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Everyone involved in martial arts is responsible for the care and protection of all participating children, young people and adults.

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from the BCCMA Safeguarding Team.

If the risk is immediate then report the matter to the Police and your Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)



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Welcome to the BCCMA Safeguarding Update for January 2020.

This newsletter brings together the latest updates from the BCCMA Safeguarding Team to all clubs and associations.

This issue provides:

- A registration link for the **BCCMA Martial Arts Safeguarding Conference**
- An update on Our Commitments
- Guidance on the Disclosure and Barring Service
- Provides links to the Sport England Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts
- Provides links to the **Safeguarding Children in Martial Arts (SCIMA)** services
- Information on training opportunities for **Safeguarding and Welfare Officers**
- Details of expert Helplines.

BCCMA Martial Arts Safeguarding Conference

The annual BCCMA Martial Arts Safeguarding Conference will take place at the University of Bedfordshire, Putteridge Bury Campus, Luton, Bedfordshire, from 9:30am to 4:00pm, on Saturday 28 March, 2020.

The aim of the conference is to provide safeguarding advice and guidance to the martial arts community. The conference has been organised with speakers and workshops to be hosted by Sport England, NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit and SCiMA.

Places will be limited and offered generally on a 'first come and first served' basis. Although, preference will be given to Safeguarding Officers who register to attend.

Registration is now open! You can register for the conference at: <https://www.scima.org.uk/conference.html>

Our Commitments

The BCCMA will:

- safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- respond to those that may pose a present risk
- cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- offer informed support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate assistance that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abuse
- seek to protect survivors of sexual abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse
- challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- seek to offer support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of the Chinese martial arts community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The BCCMA expects all Heads of Association, Coaches, Safeguarding Officers and anyone in a position of trust in the martial arts to adhere to our commitments.

Disclosure and Barring Service

Criminal records checks are available to help organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors by identifying candidates who may be unsuitable to work with children or other vulnerable members of society. The government agency set up to administer these checks is the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The DBS's aim is to help employers in England and Wales make safer recruitment decisions.

A number of roles, especially those involving children or vulnerable adults, are entitled to a criminal record check. The DBS enables many organisations to access these checks as part of good recruitment practice.

We hope you find the links and advice below, all together in one place, a useful reference and a help to understanding DBS eligibility and checks. Please remember, DBS is only one part of the Safer Recruitment process.

Heads of Association, Coaches and Safeguarding Officers

All Heads of Association, Coaches and Safeguarding/Welfare Officers should register with the Sport England Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts and SCiMA online learning.

Sport England Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts



The BCCMA strongly encourages all members to adopt the Sport England [Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts](#).

The Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts recognises clubs or providers in England who have demonstrated that they have reached and maintained good safeguarding standards. Your association will then be included on the Sport England map of approved associations.

Safeguarding Children in Martial Arts



The BCCMA strongly encourages all members register with the BCCMA DBS Checking Service [Safeguarding Children in Martial Arts](#). SCiMA also offers coaches online learning to develop the minimum operating standard in safeguarding and essential first aid.

The BCCMA expect that all coaches will undertake face to face training to ensure a full knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and first aid as part of their learning and development.



Safeguarding and Welfare Officers

The BCCMA aims to expand its network of Safeguarding and Welfare Officers. All Associations registered with the BCCMA should ensure that a Safeguarding Officer has been nominated for their association.

The BCCMA will arrange online and face to face training through our providers. Safeguarding Officers will also be provided with guidance on the BCCMA Casework Management System for managing safeguarding concerns and referrals.

Safeguarding Officers will act as the regional network to support the central BCCMA Safeguarding Team in identification verification and the first point of contact locally for any safeguarding concerns.

The Safeguarding Officer role is voluntary and we would welcome expressions of interest from you endorsed by your Head of Association by 30 December 2019.

Safeguarding Officers should ensure that that have registered with the Sport England Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts and that they have completed the SCiMA Online Learning.

The Safeguarding Officers' Network will enable the BCCMA to maintain the standards expected in safeguarding participants.

Helplines

For expert advice please contact the helplines below:

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action on Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141