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**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY April 2025**

SUPERNETTERS is dedicated to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of every child in its care. We acknowledge our responsibility to

uphold safe practices and to protect children from harm, abuse, and exploitation. For the purpose of this policy, a "child" is

defined as anyone under the age of 18.

Our coaches and volunteers are committed to working together to celebrate diversity, embrace inclusion, and respect the rights

of all children and young people.

This document sets out SUPERNETTERS’ commitment to child protection and safeguarding.

**Core Principles:**

* The safety and wellbeing of children is our top priority.
* Every child—regardless of age, background, ability, gender, language, race, socioeconomic status, religion, or sexual identity—has the right to be protected from harm.
* Child protection is a shared responsibility.
* Children have the right to share their views on matters affecting them.
* Working in partnership with children and their families is essential to supporting children's health, development, and safety.

**SUPERNETTERS Commits To:**

* Promoting the health and wellbeing of children by creating safe opportunities for them to participate in netball.
* Listening to and respecting the rights, views, and feelings of children.
* Putting in place effective safeguarding procedures to protect children from harm.
* Recruiting, training, and supporting staff and volunteers to follow best practices in child protection.
* Ensuring all staff, members, and volunteers understand and follow this Child Protection Policy and its procedures.
* Addressing any reports of misconduct or abuse in accordance with this policy and any relevant disciplinary or appeals procedures.
* Following the guidance of local Child Protection Committees.
* Regularly reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of this policy and its implementation.

**Policy Review**

This policy and its procedures will be reviewed:

* In response to updates in legislation or guidance related to child protection, or any changes from Netball Scotland.
* If any safeguarding concerns or incidents arise within SUPERNETTERS.
* At a minimum, once every three years.

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