

Responding To Child Safeguarding Concerns Procedure

The Role of the Parkour UK Safeguarding Team

On receipt of concern about a child or young person from any source, the Parkour UK Safeguarding Team will take the following action:

1. Consult and Decide.

The Parkour UK Safeguarding Team will consult with the Club Welfare Officer and Sport Resolutions for Initial Advice and will decide what initial actions need to be taken and by whom to protect the child.

2. Identify immediate support needs for the child, the person raising the concern and the alleged perpetrator if they are within the sport.

3. Establish who needs to know about the referral, why they should know and what they need to be told, and record details of who was informed and when. For example, they may refer the case to the Local Authority Child Safeguarding Team or commission the services of a third party, such as Sport Resolutions, to follow their case management process.

4. Criminal Allegations.

If the case is a suspected crime and is not already under Police investigation, ensure it is reported without delay to the Police.

5. Use Policy and Procedures to Reduce Risk/Stop Harm within the Organisation.

If the person who may be causing harm is a person involved in parkour in whatever capacity, the Safeguarding Team will:

- In consultation with Sport Resolutions, decide what policy and procedures to follow (e.g. breach of code of conduct, relevant disciplinary procedures, breach of contract)
- In consultation with Sport Resolutions, agree on what short-term arrangements can be put in place to enable the child to continue participating in their activity.

6. Ongoing Liaison with Statutory Agencies.

If statutory agencies are involved, the Parkour UK Safeguarding Team will ensure the relevant people are assigned to work together with them to coordinate and agree on the next steps. The Lead Safeguarding Officer will decide who attends and contributes to any child safeguarding case meetings that are called by the Local Authority. This may be a club.

7. Ongoing Liaison with the Child and their Parent/Carer.

The Parkour UK Safeguarding Team will confirm who will maintain contact with the child, consult with them, keep them informed, and make sure they are receiving the support they need, which may be a club or the Parkour UK Safeguarding Team.

8. When the statutory agencies conclude their investigations or decide to take no further action in relation to a referral, the Parkour UK Safeguarding Team, in conjunction with the Safeguarding Case Management Group and Sport Resolutions, will decide which internal disciplinary proceedings are appropriate.

9. The Parkour UK Safeguarding Team, with support from Sport Resolutions, will coordinate and oversee all case-related decisions and actions supported by the Safeguarding Case Management Group and Sport Resolutions.

10. Appeal Hearings.

Parkour UK will refer the matter to Sport Resolutions for arbitration, mediation and appeal hearings.