



Safeguarding Statement of Intent

English Karate National Governing Body (EKNGB)

Commitment to the Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts

The English Karate National Governing Body (EKNGB) formally declares its intent to adopt, implement and maintain full compliance with the Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts. The Board is committed to achieving and sustaining accreditation under the Code and embedding its principles, standards and monitoring requirements across all levels of the organisation.

The EKNGB is committed to aligning its governance framework with the Sport England Code for Sports Governance and ensuring robust safeguarding arrangements are embedded across strategic planning, operational delivery and decision-making processes.

The EKNGB aligns its safeguarding framework with national legislation and statutory guidance including:

- Children Act 1989 & 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Care Act 2014
- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018
- Sport England Code for Sports Governance

Safeguarding is recognised as a core governance function of the Board and will not be delegated without appropriate oversight.

Governance & Leadership Commitment

- Appoint a Board Safeguarding Lead with clearly defined responsibilities.
- Ensure a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is in post.
- Receive safeguarding reports at Board level.
- Maintain safeguarding as a standing agenda item.
- Review safeguarding effectiveness annually.
- Integrate safeguarding risk into the organisational risk register.
- Allocate appropriate resources to safeguarding delivery.

The Board accepts ultimate accountability for safeguarding performance, culture and compliance.

Review

This Statement of Intent will be reviewed annually by the Board and updated in line with legislative, regulatory or Code changes.

Approved by the Board of the English Karate National Governing Body (EKNGB)

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Next Review Date: 19 February 2027