



Whistle-blowing

Everyone at some point in their own or their child's sporting life has concerns about things they observe within their sport. These may vary from simple bad manners to the outright dangerous and everything in between.

Often these concerns are relatively minor and can be easily resolved.

If you have any concerns with regard to the behaviour of any adult towards a young person whilst connected with fencing (wherever it might be), it is important that you share your concerns with British Fencing's Child Protection Officer. The earlier you express your concern the more likely it is that it can be resolved quickly and without potentially further harm to any young person.

Doing nothing about it may seem the easiest thing to do, but what concerns YOU may also be the concern of others: it won't go away and the situation could get worse.

All information received or discussed will be treated in confidence and only be shared with those individuals within the British Fencing Association or club(s) who will be able to manage and resolve the situation. On occasion it may be necessary to seek advice from or inform the statutory agencies e.g. Social Services or the Police.

All concerns will be taken seriously and be managed according to British Fencing's Child Protection Policies and Procedures.

British Fencing is primarily concerned with the well being and safety of all members and participants in our sport, and will support anyone who in good faith, and where he/she has reasonable grounds for doing so, reports his/her concern that an adult is, or may be, abusing a child in any way, including bullying.

British Fencing will not discriminate against, victimize nor be judgmental of any official, volunteer or fencer who comes forward with genuine concerns.

Should you wish to contact your Designated Child Protection Officer for Northern Ireland Fencing please contact

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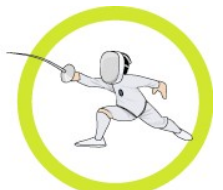
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Or alternatively

Child Protection Officer/Chair Disciplinary Committee

British Fencing

1 Baron's Court

33 Rothschild Road

London W4 5HT

Or email ismaycowen@aol.com.

Please ensure that all correspondence is marked "Private & Confidential" "Addressee only"

If you would rather speak in person or by telephone, please initially email the above address with your contact number.

Everyone suffers when malpractice occurs in an organization. It is important that those who act wrongly are dealt with appropriately. Help BF to stamp out bad practice and help maintain BF's good standards and reputation.