South Coast Sumo Safeguarding Policy

Purpose and contacts

We aim to make South Coast Sumo a safe and welcoming place for adults and children. Everyone involved must raise concerns about abuse, neglect, bullying, harassment or unsafe conduct. Club welfare contact: Chay Hext , Chay.hext1984@gmail.com Alternative contact if the concern involves that person: info@englandsumo.com.

Preventing harm

Coaches and volunteers will use appropriate supervision and recruitment arrangements, set clear boundaries for physical contact and communication, and follow the club's photography rules. If there are young adults or kids classes, the club will document age groups, staffing, required checks and training, changing arrangements, parent responsibilities and collection procedures.

Responding to a concern

If someone is in immediate danger or needs urgent medical help, call 999. Listen calmly; do not promise secrecy, investigate yourself or ask leading questions. Record the facts and the person's own words, with date, time and people involved. Report promptly to the welfare contact, or use the alternative contact if necessary. Where the club contacts cannot be used, contact the relevant local safeguarding service or police directly.

Next steps and records

The welfare contact will consider the immediate safety needs, referral to statutory services and any governing body notification. Information will be shared with those who need it to protect the person concerned. Records will be kept securely. Safeguarding concerns do not wait for the ordinary complaints process.

Review

Review this policy at least annually and after a significant concern or change in junior provision. Approved by: Chay Hext Date: July.