



FOG Welfare Policy

Fins Over Gwent (FOG) is affiliated club of British Model Flying Association (BMFA). FOG is a specialist club whose activities are restricted to the flying of model rockets.

The aims of the club are defined in the constitution. The aims of the club require some interaction with young people and it is therefore necessary to establish FOGs policy and procedures for managing such interaction. In formulating this policy FOG has adopted the BMFA policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults, copies of which are available on the BMFA web site at www.bmfa.org. The policy applies to all activities of the club including club meetings and outreach activities.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy:

- A **member** is defined as being a responsible adult who has paid membership fees and is over 18 years of age.
- A **junior member** is defined as being someone who has paid membership fees and is less than 18 years of age.
- A **vulnerable adult** is defined as a person of 18 years of age or over but through mental or physical attributes requires a higher level of supervision than would be normally necessary for an adult member.
- A **responsible adult** is defined as the parent/guardian of a junior member or vulnerable adult, or someone who has the written permission of the parent or guardian to escort and supervise the junior member or vulnerable adult.

Principles

This welfare policy is underpinned by the following principles and practices:

- Junior members or vulnerable adults are only allowed to attend if they are escorted by a responsible adult.
- No child or vulnerable adult shall undertake any activity which might place him or her at undue risk of harm. In any event prior consultation with their parent, guardian or carer must take place if there is any doubt on the member's abilities to undertake a specific activity.
- No member of the club is to be expected to assume responsibility for a child or a vulnerable adult unless such a responsibility already exists.
- Should any member, parent, guardian, carer or the person themselves have concerns about the welfare of children or vulnerable adults then he or she is to contact the club Welfare Officer or one of the help lines listed in the BMFA policy and at the end of this policy.

- All members are required to respect the rights and dignity of children and vulnerable adults and to promote their welfare.
- Should physical contact be required during model flying for instructional or any other purposes it will be done in the presence of the parent/guardian and with their prior agreement.
- Should the Club wish to use an identifiable photographic or video image of a child it will obtain the written consent of the parent or guardian.
- It should be noted that the club does not provide toilet facilities at its launch site and it is your responsibility to make suitable arrangements.
- This membership form must be countersigned by the parent or guardian if the applicant is less than 18 years of age or by the authorised carer of a vulnerable adult, thereby signifying acceptance of the conditions of membership.

Review

This policy must be reviewed at least annually by the Committee. It may be changed by the committee without reference to the members. It will be promulgated on the club website.

Signed: _____ . **Date:** _____ .

Name: _____ .

Position: Club Chair

Signed: _____ . **Date:** _____ .

Name: _____ .

Position: Club Welfare Officer