

**Advice to Clubs and Regional Associations re adopting the British Orienteering Policies on Equality & Inclusion, Protecting Young and Vulnerable People etc**

All Clubs and Regional Associations are affiliated to British Orienteering and, therefore, are bound by the British Orienteering Rules, Regulations and Policies. In particular, see Article 6.3

It is not necessary for clubs and associations to change their Club Constitutions to incorporate all of the British Orienteering Rules, Regulations and Policies. For this reason, it is not necessary for a club committee formally to adopt these policies, but it may be worthwhile doing so to highlight the policies and to emphasise that the club is aware of and has adopted them. If that is desired, suitable wording is suggested below:

***The xxx Orienteering Club is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find orienteering a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop. The Club will do this by adopting and promoting the British Orienteering Policy on Protecting Young and Vulnerable People.***

This wording has been approved by the Child Protection in Sport Unit of the NSPCC.

***The xxx Orienteering Club is affiliated to British Orienteering and is bound by the governing body's Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the sport. The club commits to the British Orienteering Policy on Equality & Inclusion and will do everything possible to ensure that the sport is open and accessible to all.***

The club/regional association can then communicate to its members e.g. via the newsletter/website that this has been done. The club may also put a link to the Policies on the British Orienteering website.

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