



Policy on Safeguarding and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

Wadebridge Coasters Committee has considered the British Cycling policies on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and has taken advice from British Cycling on how the requirement for Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks impacts on club activities. The Committee abides by the policies and has implemented the recommended action in full.

British Cycling's policies are available on the British Cycling (BC) website. This policy note summarises the position in relation to WCCC:

The safeguarding policies have been read by committee members and the club's welfare officer has completed a safeguarding course and DBS check as recommended.

The requirement for DBS checks depends on whether the activity is a 'regulated activity.' A regulated activity involves contact with children and is:

Of a specific nature e.g. training, teaching, supervising, advice, treatments or transport provided for the purposes of the activity

Or

In a specified place e.g. schools, children's homes and hospitals, juvenile detention facilities, adult care homes.

And

Occurs once a week or more

And/or

Occurs on four or more occasions in a 30 day period

And/or

Occurs overnight between 2am and 6am.

Coasters Kids

Coasters Kids is, in the committee's view, a regulated activity. BC has confirmed that it holds DBS records for both of the club's Level 2 coaches who lead Coasters Kids. All coaches must take responsibility for keeping their DBS and training up to date.

Volunteers who help with Coasters Kids do not need a DBS check provided that they are supervised throughout the session by someone who has DBS clearance. At Coasters Kids sessions, the club volunteers are always supervised by the coach in

charge who holds a DBS clearance. If, in the future, volunteers take a more involved or lead role, they may need a DBS check. This will be monitored by the Level 2 Coaches.

As part of BC's coaching courses, any new club coach will complete a BC form for a DBS check which BC will action.

Club Rides

Whilst club rides are open to all, they are not specifically designed as an activity for children and/or vulnerable adults and are not considered a 'regulated activity.' Ride Leaders should always be aware of children and vulnerable adults on a club ride and ensure that they are not left in the sole charge of anyone who does not hold a DBS clearance. Ride Leaders should always have the following BC advice in mind:

- All riders should be aged 12 years or older, and be competent to at least Level 2 Bikeability Standard.
- There is a greater duty of care for riders under the age of 18 years. Therefore, if there are riders aged 12-18 years in the group, somebody will need to take responsibility for these riders and ensure they are not left on their own during the session.
- Have a signed parental consent form for all riders under the age of 18 years.

Family/leisure rides and events

Family/leisure rides and events are not designed solely for children and/or vulnerable adults and are not considered a 'regulated activity.' Club members in charge of these events should always be aware of children and vulnerable adults attending these events and ensure that they are not left in the sole charge of anyone who is not DBS certified.

Website Administrators/Forum Moderators

In line with BC recommendations, the club has appointed a Moderator to oversee the club social media usage. The current Moderator has completed the BC DBS check.

Raising Concerns

Any safeguarding concerns should be raised with the Welfare Officer whose contact details are on the website. If anyone has an urgent concern or thinks a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm they should contact the police, local children's or adult services or the NSPCC.

This policy was agreed at the WCCC committee on 19th September 2017