

Duty of care for Junior anglers

Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society – Duty of Care Statement for Junior Anglers

Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society (GAAS) recognises its responsibility to provide a safe and supportive environment for all Junior Members participating in angling activities organised by the Society.

We have a **duty of care** to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of all young people under the age of 18 who take part in our events, coaching sessions, or any Society-related activities.

To uphold this duty, GAAS will:

- Ensure that all activities are appropriately planned, supervised, and risk-assessed to safeguard junior participants.
- Provide suitable instruction, guidance, and equipment to promote safe angling practices.
- Ensure that all volunteers and coaches working with junior members are appropriately vetted (including DBS checks where required) and aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Promote an inclusive and respectful atmosphere where all junior members feel valued, supported, and free from bullying or discrimination.
- Communicate clearly with parents, guardians, and carers about planned activities, expectations, and safety procedures.
- Act promptly and appropriately on any concerns raised regarding a junior member's welfare, following the Society's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

GAAS believes that angling should be an enjoyable, educational, and safe experience for all young people. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of care and conduct in everything we do.

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At Glossop Amalgamated Angling Society, we want all our junior members to enjoy fishing in a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment.

We have a duty of care to look after everyone under 18 who takes part in our activities, and we take that responsibility seriously.

This means we will:

- Make sure all our events and coaching sessions are properly planned and supervised.
- Always think about safety and do what we can to reduce risks.
- Have qualified and responsible adults on hand to help and support juniors.
- Make sure anyone working with young people has the right checks and training.
- Treat everyone with respect and make sure no one is left out, bullied, or made to feel uncomfortable.
- Keep parents and guardians informed about what's happening.
- Act quickly if we have any concerns about a young person's safety or wellbeing.

We want fishing with GAAS to be fun, safe, and rewarding for all our young anglers — and we'll do everything we can to make that happen.