

Charity Number: 1143129

Burton Wheelchair Rugby Club Health & Safety Policy

1. Statement of Intent Burton Wheelchair Rugby Club is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all individuals involved in club activities. The club recognizes its duty of care to prevent accidents, injuries, and incidents, and to promote the health and well-being of its members, volunteers, visitors, and participants.

2. Responsibilities

- The Club Committee: The Club Committee is responsible for implementing and monitoring the Health & Safety Policy, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation, and promoting a culture of safety within the club.
- Club Officials: Club officials, coaches, and team managers are responsible for ensuring that club activities are conducted in accordance with health and safety guidelines and best practices.
- Members and Participants: All club members and participants are responsible for following safety instructions, using equipment properly, and reporting any hazards, accidents, or concerns to club officials.

3. Risk Assessment

The Club Committee will conduct regular risk assessments of club activities, facilities, and equipment to identify potential hazards and implement appropriate control measures to mitigate risks. Risk assessments will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

4. Equipment Safety

- All equipment used during club activities, including wheelchairs, protective gear, and training aids, will be inspected regularly to ensure it is in good working condition.
- Participants will be provided with appropriate safety equipment and instructed on its proper use and maintenance.

5. Training and Supervision

• Coaches and officials will receive training on health and safety procedures, emergency protocols, and first aid.

• Participants will receive instruction and supervision from qualified coaches and officials during training sessions and matches.

6. Emergency Procedures

- The club will maintain emergency procedures for responding to accidents, injuries, and medical emergencies.
- First aid kits will be available at all club activities, and designated individuals will be trained in first aid and CPR.

7. Communication and Awareness

- The Health & Safety Policy will be communicated to all club members, volunteers, and participants.
- Information on health and safety procedures, hazard identification, and emergency protocols will be prominently displayed at club facilities and communicated through club communications channels.

8. Review and Monitoring

The Health & Safety Policy will be reviewed annually by the Club Committee to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with relevant legislation. Any necessary updates or revisions will be made in consultation with club members and stakeholders.

9. Reporting and Incident Management

- All accidents, injuries, near misses, and incidents will be recorded and investigated promptly by club officials.
- Corrective actions will be implemented to prevent recurrence of incidents and improve safety practices.

10. Compliance with Legislation

The club will comply with all relevant health and safety legislation and regulations, including those set forth by the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Association (GBWR) and other governing bodies.

GMBa Signed:

Club Chairperson

Date: 18.4.24