

Club Taekwondo Escorpio London: Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

1. Introduction Club Taekwondo Escorpio London is committed to providing a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for all participants, particularly children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We take our responsibility for safeguarding seriously and strive to maintain the highest standards of protection and care.

2. Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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Head Coach

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3. Additional Safeguarding Contact

Omar Ali Grant

Safeguarding Support Officer

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4. Our Commitment - Create a safe environment for all members, especially children and vulnerable individuals. - Promote the welfare of all participants. - Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of concerns or incidents. - Follow the British Taekwondo Safeguarding Policy (March 2024).

5. Scope This policy applies to: - All members, students, coaches, volunteers, visitors, and parents. - All locations where Club Taekwondo Escorpio London operates, including Ernest Bevin Academy and other associated venues.

6. Key Safeguarding Principles - All suspicions or allegations of abuse will be taken seriously. - All children and young people have a right to protection from abuse. - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. - The welfare of the child is paramount.

7. Good Practice Guidelines - All instructors and assistants are DBS-checked and trained in safeguarding. - Communication with students is age-appropriate and transparent. - Any photography/video must be approved with signed parental consent.

8. Photography and Image Use Policy - Images or video may be taken for promotional or educational purposes. - Consent is required before using any identifiable images of children. - No names will be publicly attached to images unless specifically permitted. - CCTV may be in operation for security and safety purposes.

9. Reporting a Concern - Concerns should be reported directly to Maria José López or Omar Ali Grant. - All disclosures are handled confidentially and with care. - Where necessary, external authorities (such as the Local Authority Designated Officer) will be involved.

10. Policy on Insurance and Venue Safety - Club Taekwondo Escorpio London is fully insured through British Taekwondo/NMACGB. - All venues are checked for health and safety compliance.

11. Code of Conduct - All members are expected to behave respectfully and follow club rules. - Bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

12. GDPR and Data Protection - Member data is stored securely and used only for club-related purposes. - Requests to access or remove data can be submitted by email.

13. Policy Review and Publication - This policy is reviewed every two years or upon relevant updates. - A copy is available on our website and displayed at each teaching location.

Note: Reading this policy is not optional. All members, parents, and guardians are responsible for understanding and accepting the safeguarding responsibilities outlined in this document.

Thank you for being part of the Club Taekwondo Escorpio London community. Together, we create a safe and empowering space for growth through martial arts.