



Safeguarding & Governance Statement

Sovereign Taekwondo Organisation is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, respectful, and professionally governed environment for all members, participants, instructors, volunteers, and affiliated clubs.

The safety, welfare, and wellbeing of children, young people, and vulnerable adults remain central to all activities delivered under the Sovereign TKD organisation. We are committed to promoting a positive culture where safeguarding is prioritised, concerns are taken seriously, and all individuals are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect.

As an organisation overseeing multiple affiliated clubs, Sovereign TKD requires all affiliated clubs, instructors, volunteers, and representatives operating under the Sovereign TKD name to comply with the same safeguarding, welfare, conduct, and governance standards.

Sovereign Taekwondo adopts and operates under all current safeguarding, conduct, complaints, safer recruitment, inclusion, social media, photography, DBS, risk assessment, and welfare policies issued and maintained by Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK), our recognised National Governing Body framework provider.

All affiliated Sovereign TKD clubs and instructors are required to maintain active membership with TCUK and comply with all safeguarding and governance requirements established by TCUK, including:

- DBS eligibility and monitoring requirements
- safeguarding and inclusion training requirements
- instructor qualification and conduct standards
- safer recruitment guidance
- codes of conduct
- social media and photography guidance
- complaints and disciplinary procedures
- risk assessment procedures
- ongoing safeguarding compliance obligations

As TCUK policies are centrally maintained and regularly reviewed, any updates or amendments automatically apply across all Sovereign TKD affiliated clubs and members, ensuring safeguarding procedures remain aligned with current legislation, national guidance, and recognised best practice.

Sovereign TKD promotes an open and supportive culture where safeguarding concerns can be raised appropriately, sensitively, and confidentially. All members, parents, instructors, volunteers, and participants are encouraged to report any concerns regarding welfare, safety, behaviour, or safeguarding.

Sovereign TKD does not internally investigate safeguarding concerns. Any safeguarding concern reported to Sovereign TKD is referred through the appropriate safeguarding procedures operated by Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK). Our Club Welfare Officer (CWO), Jane Levett, is responsible for receiving concerns, maintaining appropriate records, and liaising directly with the TCUK Safeguarding Team, who oversee safeguarding review processes and determine any necessary action.

Where appropriate, safeguarding matters may also be referred to external agencies including:

- Police
- Emergency Services
- Social Services
- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

In emergency situations where an individual is at immediate risk of harm or requires urgent medical assistance, emergency services should be contacted immediately by calling 999.

Sovereign Taekwondo regularly reviews operational practices and risk assessments to help maintain safe training environments across all affiliated clubs. We are committed to equality, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and creating welcoming environments where all individuals can participate safely and confidently regardless of age, background, ability, ethnicity, religion, gender, or identity.

Public liability and professional indemnity insurance requirements are managed through TCUK membership and governance structures.

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TCUK Policies & Resources

Safeguarding Policies & Procedures

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/safeguarding>

Risk Assessment Guidance & Templates

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/risk-assessments>

DBS Information & Guidance

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/dbs>

Inclusion Policies & Guidance

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/inclusion>