

# Safeguarding Children

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Over the past five years, SASSOT has been working with partners to implement the National Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport. Though we have now been awarded all three levels of the Standards the work will not stop there. A change of focus to strengthening local partnerships with the Staffordshire and Stoke Safeguarding Boards and ensuring the Safeguarding Standards are applied to all work areas will now take priority.

## Highlights

- ▶ Receiving the Advanced Level of the Safeguarding in Sport Standards at the National Safeguarding in Sport Conference
- ▶ Formally signing up to 'A Call to Action' the new national strategy for safeguarding in sport
- ▶ Working with partners to apply the national standards to key CSP programmes including Sport Unlimited and Playground to Podium
- ▶ Working with the CPSU to input into consultation processes for the Vetting and Barring Scheme, A Call to Action and the Post Standards Framework

## Looking ahead to 2010-11

- ▶ Working with local partners and strengthening relationships with the two Local Safeguarding Boards will be the key priority for 2010/11
- ▶ Developing a new sub-regional safeguarding action plan for sport
- ▶ Widening the scope of the safeguarding training on offer to those working in the sport and leisure sector in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- ▶ In partnership with the CPSU delivering the relevant elements of their new national strategy at a sub-regional level
- ▶ Continue to apply the National Standards for Safeguarding Children in Sport to all SASSOT's work areas



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