

Velo Club Venta Welfare Policy

This welfare policy is primarily intended to develop a sense of awareness and guidance on child protection for all those involved in Velo Club Venta. However, this policy is also concerned about the welfare of everyone at the club irrespective of age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion and political view.

Everyone who is involved in the club is entitled to access an enjoyable and safe environment and to have the chance to experience the excitement, challenge and achievement inherent to the sport.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all involved in cycling, whether Velo Club Venta members or not. In the absence of a parental guardian it is our legal and moral responsibility to act “as a reasonable parent would”. This includes notifying relevant persons as soon as you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of a child or adult.

A child is anyone aged under 18 years.

Club Welfare Officer

Velo Club Venta, in line with [British Cycling](#) policy, has a Club Welfare Officer.

[Ben Baxter](#) is the officially registered Club Welfare Officer and has been [Disclosure & Barring Service](#) checked and passed the training required by [British Cycling](#) policy.

Ben is also a member of the committee and is seen at many club events from club runs, road races and social events. Please contact him with any questions, concerns or information you feel might be relevant.

All correspondence is welcome, and will be appropriately responded to, however trivial or important you may feel it is.

How we will respond to concerns and safeguarding matters:

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any child that relates to Velo Club Venta’s activities in the first instance, please contact the club’s welfare officer. Ben Baxter, whose contact details can be found below.

In accordance with British Cycling policy any safeguarding information will be kept confidential, and shared only on a need-to-know basis. Normally this will involve the Club Welfare Officer (Ben Baxter) informing British Cycling’s Safeguarding Team in the first instance.

Sensitive and confidential information would not normally be shared with others within the club unless this is needed to protect others, and consent would normally be gained from those involved in advance of information being discussed.

Contact:

Ben Baxter, Welfare Officer: safeguarding@vcventa.co.uk

British Cycling Club Welfare Policy:

[British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy](#)

[British Cycling Safeguarding and Protecting Vulnerable Adults Policy](#)

“British Cycling has a fundamental commitment to safeguard and protect children in cycling. With our partners, we are working to improve policies, procedures, and practices to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience of children and young people in cycling. Allegations of poor practice, drug use, equality issues and possible child abuse should be reported to the Child Protection Lead Officer (CPLO).”

CPLO: Simon Thornton (*Compliance Manager*)

Phone: 0161 274 2082

Email: compliance@britishcycling.org.uk

Out of hours tel: 0161 274 2002

In case of an emergency situation contact:

Police: 999

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Hampshire Children's Services: 0300 555 1384 (out of hours: 0300 555 1373)

[Child Protection in Sport Unit](#)

[Disclosure & Barring Service](#)

https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/bc_files/safeguarding/C13_-_Safeguarding__Protecting_Children.pdf