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Dudley Council is committed to safeguarding all children and young people in the borough.

One of the ways we safeguard children and young people in sport is through the sports coaches and physical activity providers association, Seal.

Seal is an association recognised and endorsed by Dudley Safeguarding Children Board and the NSPCC. It is also recognised as good practice by the Department of Children, Schools and Families.

About Seal

Seal is an association that acts as a quality assurance and safeguarding mechanism for sports coaches and providers who deliver sport and physical activity in the borough.

How is Seal co-ordinated?

Seal is co-ordinated by the sport and physical activity section of Dudley Council's urban environment directorate.

Why is Seal important?

Seal enhances the delivery of sport and physical activity, ensures standards and safeguards are developed and maintained and provides a pool of approved deliverers for Dudley.

What can Seal members expect?

- Child protection and good practice guidance and guidelines
- Safer working practice guidance for sports coaches and physical activity providers
- Criminal records bureau check (enhanced disclosure)
- Training opportunities at a regional and local level
- Membership of a registration scheme recognised by leading leisure professionals
- Raised personal profile as an accredited sports coach/physical activity provider
- General advice and information

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Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Dudley Safeguarding Children Board
Working together to keep children and young people safe

seal

the borough of Dudley
sports coaches and physical activity providers association

All you need to know about **seal** membership and levels of entry

Membership categories

Full member (green member) (min age 18 years)

The following criteria must be satisfied:

- Hold a current recognised National Governing Body (NGB) or equivalent qualification (i.e. coaches being defined by their NGB as holding the appropriate level of qualification to lead a session independently or hold an NGB umpiring or referee award)
- Hold a current basic first aid certificate
- Undertake a satisfactory criminal records bureau check
- Self declaration
- Provide evidence of public liability insurance
- Two references (not relatives), commenting on previous experience of and suitability for working with children and young people
- Child protection training - all members must attend a recognised child protection training course within six months of joining

Note: If there is no NGB or equivalent qualification a risk assessment will be undertaken by Dudley Council's sport and physical activity team in order to progress the application

Key:
Green members can deliver relevant activities independently

Amber/Red members can only deliver relevant activities alongside a green member

Purple members cannot deliver activities at all

Associate member (amber member)

The following criteria must be satisfied:

- Hold a current recognised National Governing Body (NGB) qualification (level one or equivalent)
- Undertake a satisfactory criminal records bureau check
- Self declaration
- Hold a current basic first aid certificate (desirable)
- Provide evidence of public liability insurance
- Two references (not relatives), commenting on previous experience of and suitability for working with children and young people
- Child protection training - all members must attend a recognised child protection training course within six months of joining

Unqualified helper member (red member)

The following criteria must be satisfied:

- Work alongside a full member of Seal
- Undertake a satisfactory criminal records bureau check
- Self declaration
- Provide evidence of insurance (club or otherwise)
- Two references (not relatives), commenting on previous experience of and suitability for working with children and young people
- Child protection training - all members must attend a recognised child protection training course within six months of joining

Club official member (purple member)

Aimed at officials who work in a capacity at sports clubs other than being a qualified coach, referee or umpire (chairperson, treasurer, secretary or team manager)

The following criteria must be satisfied:

- Undertake a satisfactory criminal records bureau check
- Self declaration
- Provide evidence of club insurance
- Two references (not relatives), commenting on your previous experience of and suitability for working with children and young people
- Child protection training - it is recommended that all members attend a recognised child protection training course within six months of joining

All memberships must be renewed in line with the first expiry date of any element of the process. Enhanced disclosures and child protection training will be renewed every three years. Child protection training is provided free of charge through Dudley Safeguarding Children Board.

From July 2010 all new members will have thier Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) status checked. Guidance will be provided regarding when existing members need to be ISA registered as the ISA vetting and barring scheme is phased in . For more information on ISA visit www.isa-gov.org

To check whether individual sports coaches and physical activity providers are members of Seal, call 01384 815594

For more information on safeguarding in sport call Rachael McKiernan Doyle on 01384 815547