



SafeKids Policy

Preventing Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct

The following constitute the policies of **Washington Student Cycling League (WSCL)** with regard to awareness and prevention of abuse within our organization and our teams.

- **WSCL** is committed to provide a safe environment and to prevent child abuse and sexual misconduct.
- **WSCL** will make every reasonable effort to ensure that every person involved in coaching/training/managing a sport activity in our organization will abide by the SafeKids guidelines.
- **WSCL** will make every reasonable effort to exclude any adult with a legally documented history of child abuse/molestation or any other conviction or record that would bring unnecessary risk to the health and safety of the participants of this organization.
- **WSCL** will perform a criminal background check on every adult in our organization.
- **WSCL** will take appropriate action on all allegations of child abuse and/or sexual misconduct. All allegations will be reported immediately to the authorities for investigation and we will cooperate fully with any such investigation.

The following represent the preventative measures of our organization with regard to abuse and all Team Managers, Head Coaches, Ride Leaders, Team Volunteers and General Volunteers are to be made aware of the following policies:

- Physical, mental, and verbal abuse of any of the participants, coaches, managers, employees, volunteers involved in our sponsored activities is not permitted.
- Inappropriate touching of any kind is forbidden.
- We agree to provide more than one adult working at or overseeing every activity whenever possible and seek to avoid one-on-one situations. If a child needs special attention, it will be handled with the assistance or presence of another adult.
- Employees/coaches/trainers should not socialize with the participants outside of the sponsored activities of the organization.
- Employees/coaches/trainers should never ride alone with a child or participant in the car. Procedures will be established for employees/coaches/trainers to follow in the event a participant is stranded at an activity.
- Parents are encouraged to attend sponsored activities.
- It is the intent of the WSCL to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person.



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Who must report?

Anyone who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect can, in good faith, report. If you are identified as a mandatory reporter, you are required by law to report your concerns to the local Children's Administration (CA) office, Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement.

Staff and coaches of the Washington Student Cycling League are considered mandatory reporters.

If abuse or misconduct is reported or there is reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect, the report must be made at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than 48 hours.

Report to:

Local law enforcement at **911**

or

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at
1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276)

and

File an Incident/Injury Report to:

Washington Student Cycling League

info@washingtonleague.org

p. (206) 317-4278

References:

1. Incident / Injury Report
2. Protecting the Abused & Neglected Child