

ASSOCIATION POLICY  
FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF CHILDREN AND  
VULNERABLE ADULTS  
AT CLUB LEVEL



*The National Body  
for Organised  
Model Power Boating  
in Great Britain  
Founded in 1924*

Explanation Leaflet

People under the age of 18 years and Vulnerable Adults are accepted into the association only with the written permission of their Parent or Legal Guardian. These members under the age of 18 will be known as junior members.

Junior members or Vulnerable Adults (as classified in section 1) will not be permitted to attend any meetings, organised events, or visit any club lake / clubhouse without the presence of their Parent or legal Guardian. (For this purpose a legal guardian will be accepted as an adult who has the written permission with him / her of the parent to look after the junior member and who has signed to accept legal responsibility for that junior member whilst in his \ her care. This being a private child care agreement and not the responsibility of the M.P.B.A.)

MPBA members are not allowed to approach or have personal contact with any person under the age of 18 years, or who is suspected / known as a Vulnerable Adult (unless such person is in the presence of their or parent / legal guardian as described in section 2), whilst carrying out any aspect of their hobby except in circumstances required to preserve life or prevent accident.

Whilst in a public area it is the responsibility of all members to act appropriately towards all members of the public and whenever possible during organised events an appropriate area should be cordoned off with a notice stating "AUTHORISED PERSONS ONLY."

Any M.P.B.A member accused of, or suspected of inappropriate behaviour with a person under the age of 18 years or registered as a Vulnerable Adult must be reported to the M.P.B.A General Secretary or any Executive Member of the M.P.B.A National Executive Committee and will immediately be suspended from the Association, the details will be referred to the relevant authorities. The suspension will not be revoked until the matter has been satisfactorily resolved by the relevant authority.

Any M.P.B.A member who suspects that a person under the age of 18 years or a Vulnerable Adult has been treated inappropriately, shall have a duty to report the incident in writing to the M.P.B.A General Secretary and in the event of a serious incident i.e. physical harm immediately to the relevant local authority. Such inappropriate behaviour includes: -

- (a). Physical harm of any kind.
- (b). Threatening behaviour
- (c). Bullying.
- (d). Any form of discrimination due to Race, Cultural differences, Gender, Disability, or Sexuality.

The M.P.B.A recognises that from time to time some Individual members or Clubs may choose to take part in organised events run by outside organisations such as Schools, local Authorities, or Groups. Should this be the case it is the responsibility of the individual member or club to ensure that the organisers have a set policy on the inclusion of Young people under the age of 18 years and Vulnerable Adults plus appropriate insurance to cover the event. The M.P.B.A will not be liable for any accident or incident occurring during such activity.

Photographs of juniors or Vulnerable Adults must not be taken without the permission of the parent or guardian.