



Safeguarding & Governance Statement

Absolute TaeKwonDo Association (ATKDA) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, respectful, and professionally governed environment for all members, participants, instructors, volunteers, officials, and affiliated clubs.

The safety, welfare, and wellbeing of children, young people, and vulnerable adults are central to all activities delivered under Absolute TaeKwonDo Association. We are committed to promoting a positive culture in which safeguarding is prioritised, concerns are taken seriously, and every individual is treated with dignity, fairness, and respect.

As an association supporting and overseeing affiliated clubs, Absolute TaeKwonDo Association requires all affiliated clubs, instructors, coaches, volunteers, officials, and representatives operating under the Association's name to comply with the same safeguarding, welfare, conduct, and governance standards.

Absolute TaeKwonDo Association adopts and operates in accordance with all current safeguarding, conduct, complaints, safer recruitment, inclusion, social media, photography, DBS, risk assessment, and welfare policies issued and maintained by Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK), our recognised National Governing Body framework provider.

All affiliated Absolute TaeKwonDo Association clubs and instructors are required to maintain active membership with TCUK and comply with all safeguarding and governance requirements established by TCUK, including:

- DBS eligibility and monitoring requirements
- Safeguarding and inclusion training requirements
- Instructor qualification and conduct standards
- Safer recruitment guidance
- Codes of conduct
- Social media and photography guidance
- Complaints and disciplinary procedures

- Risk assessment procedures
- Ongoing safeguarding compliance obligations

As TCUK policies are centrally maintained and regularly reviewed, updates and amendments to those policies apply across Absolute TaeKwonDo Association affiliated clubs and members as appropriate. This helps ensure that safeguarding procedures remain aligned with current legislation, national guidance, and recognised good practice.

Absolute TaeKwonDo Association promotes an open and supportive culture in which safeguarding concerns can be raised appropriately, sensitively, and confidentially. All members, parents and carers, instructors, volunteers, officials, and participants are encouraged to report any concerns relating to welfare, safety, behaviour, or safeguarding.

Reporting and Managing Safeguarding Concerns

Absolute TaeKwonDo Association does not independently investigate safeguarding concerns.

Any safeguarding concern reported to the Association will be referred through the appropriate safeguarding procedures operated by Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK).

The ATKDA Safeguarding Lead, **Taryn Volante**, is responsible for receiving concerns, maintaining appropriate records, and liaising directly with the TCUK Safeguarding Team, which oversees safeguarding review processes and determines any necessary action.

Where appropriate, safeguarding matters may also be referred to relevant external agencies, including:

- Police
- Emergency Services
- Children's or Adult Social Care Services
- The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
- Other relevant statutory safeguarding agencies

In an emergency, where an individual is at immediate risk of harm or requires urgent medical assistance, the emergency services should be contacted immediately by calling **999**.

Safe Training Environments

Absolute TaeKwonDo Association regularly reviews its operational practices and risk assessments to help maintain safe training and participation environments across all affiliated clubs and activities.

All affiliated clubs and instructors are expected to identify, assess, and appropriately manage risks associated with training, competition, events, facilities, equipment, and participation.

The Association is committed to equality, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility and to creating welcoming environments in which all individuals can participate safely and confidently, regardless of age, background, ability, disability, ethnicity, nationality, religion or belief, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other protected or personal characteristics.

Insurance and Governance

Public liability and professional indemnity insurance requirements are managed through applicable TCUK membership and governance structures.

Affiliated clubs and instructors are responsible for ensuring that all required memberships, qualifications, safeguarding checks, insurance arrangements, and governance obligations remain current and valid.

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TCUK Policies & Resources

Safeguarding Policies & Procedures

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/safeguarding>

Risk Assessment Guidance & Templates

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/risk-assessments>

DBS Information & Guidance

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/dbs>

Inclusion Policies & Guidance

<https://tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/inclusion>