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SHB(GB) Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult (Safeguarding) Policy

- a. Child protection is defined in the Children Act 1989 & 2004 and legislation is in place to protect children from significant harm, abuse (physical/sexual/emotional) neglect and exploitation. SHB(GB) ensures its response to safeguarding concerns are in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023).
- b. Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain takes its responsibilities to ensure that children competing at our events do so in a safe and protected environment.
- c. It is acknowledged that when children (those under the age of 18 years) compete in SHB(GB) competitions this is done in the public domain and relationships between children, and any officials is different to those of an instructor/trainer relationship. Therefore, safeguards that need to be put in place do not need to be as extensive.
- d. In all circumstances parents (or those with parental responsibility) remain accountable and responsible for the safety of their children and their own actions and behaviour towards their own and other people's children whilst competing in SHB(GB) competitions.
- e. SHB(GB) takes its responsibilities in this regard very seriously and requires all its paid employees, directors (Council Members), Judges and officials who appear in the SHB(GB) Rule Book, to voluntarily disclose whether they have any convictions, cautions or outstanding matters that would prohibit or make them unsuitable to be in the close proximity of children or vulnerable adults. (This includes criminal convictions that would otherwise be classed as 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974). This declaration authorises the Society to request an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Certificate on any person where any concerns are raised and to ban anyone who they deem to be unsuitable from Membership of the Society. This procedure excludes BHS accredited instructors and yards as they are subject to BHS Safeguarding & Child Protection policy.
- f. Photographs and videos must only be taken of children (under 18) by parents or those who have parental responsibility for the child or with the authorised consent of those with parental responsibility to do so. Official photographers and or those authorised to live

stream events are excluded, parents or those with parental responsibility should advise the official photographer and or those authorised to live stream events if they do not wish their child to be photographed and or live streamed in advance of the class providing the competitor number.

- g.** At SHB(GB) Championship shows, where children stay overnight on the showground, the Society takes the safety and security very seriously and always contract with an appropriate security provider to minimise risks and ensure that everyone can compete in a safe environment.

- h.** It is everyone's responsibility to report and act, if they believe any child (or vulnerable adult) is being subject to abuse. In such circumstances, the Society will report these matters to the Police and relevant child protection agencies immediately upon receipt of the information. Information of this nature will not and cannot be kept confidential as the safety of child and young people is paramount. Competitors are advised to seek further information from equestrian@safetoplay.co.uk