



## ICELANDIC HORSE SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN (IHSGB) CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY

The trustees of the IHSGB recognise that the society has both legal and moral responsibilities to promote the health and welfare, and protection of children and vulnerable adults taking part in activities organised by the society. This policy has been produced to recognise those responsibilities, and to make event organisers and, more generally, the society's members aware of the responsibilities, and the procedures that have been put in place to satisfy the policy.

This policy shall apply to all members of the society, volunteers, trainers and helpers employed by members of the society, parents, and guardians, as well as children and vulnerable adults themselves.

### Responsibilities

IHSGB shall:

- Ensure the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults whilst taking part in IHSGB activities.
- Respect the rights, wishes and feelings of children and vulnerable adults.
- Implement procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse.
- Train relevant personnel to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.
- Require relevant personnel to adopt and abide by this policy and the associated procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

### Principles

The IHSGB may organise training courses, competitions, leisure rides, displays and other events to promote enjoyment, understanding and awareness of Icelandic horses and further skills in riding and knowledge of this breed. Youth members are encouraged to take part in all these events and also in youth only events such as camps and FEIF youth events. In doing so the society aims to foster friendship, good sportsmanship and good horsemanship. The IHSGB recognises that the welfare of children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting them from abuse. This policy and the associated procedures are based on the following principles:

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is the primary concern.
- All children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- It is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns about abuse to the police.
- All incidents of alleged poor practice, misconduct and abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All personal data will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

### Review

This policy and the associated procedures will be regularly reviewed to ensure that the IHSGB complies with legislation and guidance on the protection of children and vulnerable adults, and that the policy and the associated procedures address the specific needs of children or vulnerable adults taking part in the IHSGB activities.