

# Competition Safeguarding, Welfare & Conduct Guidelines

## Designated Safeguarding Lead

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To ensure all competitions are run in a safe, professional and respectful environment for all dancers, spectators, teachers and officials, the following guidelines must be followed at all times.

### General Welfare & Safety

- The welfare and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults is our highest priority.
- All competitors, parents, teachers and spectators are expected to behave respectfully and appropriately at all times.
- Any behaviour considered intimidating, inappropriate, abusive or unsafe may result in removal from the event.

### Supervision of Children

- Parents/guardians remain responsible for children when they are not actively participating in classes, presentations or events.
- Children should not be left unsupervised in changing areas, corridors or public areas of the venue.
- Young competitors should know who their responsible adult is throughout the event.

### Changing Facilities

- No changing of clothing or costumes is permitted in public areas of the venue.
- Competitors must use the designated changing rooms and facilities provided.
- Changing facilities are provided at the venue.
- Separate changing areas should be respected where applicable.
- Photography or filming is strictly prohibited within changing areas.

### Tanning & Costume Preparation

- No tanning of the lower part of the body is permitted in public spaces or communal areas.

- There will be designated tanning areas, which we ask are used to respect the venue and other dance competitors.
- Any products that may damage venue flooring, seating or furnishings should be used responsibly.

## **Photography & Video Recording**

- Photography and video recording may take place during the event for promotional and safeguarding purposes.
- If you wish for your child not to be filmed or used in promotional videos or photography, please inform the organisers.
- Any concerns regarding photography should be reported immediately to the event organisers.
- Images must not be used inappropriately or shared in a way that could place a child or vulnerable person at risk.

## **Appropriate Conduct**

- Respect must be shown towards officials, competitors, teachers, parents and venue staff at all times.
- Bullying, harassment, discrimination or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour may result in warnings, disqualification or removal from the event.

## **Venue Safety**

- Walkways, fire exits and entrances must remain clear at all times.
- Running in ballroom areas, corridors or changing spaces is discouraged for safety reasons.
- Any accidents, injuries or safeguarding concerns should be reported immediately to an organiser or safeguarding lead.

## **Safeguarding Concerns**

- Any safeguarding or welfare concerns raised during the event will be treated seriously and handled confidentially by the designated safeguarding lead and event organisers.
- Organisers reserve the right to take appropriate action where necessary to protect competitors, spectators and staff.

By attending the event, all competitors, teachers, parents and spectators agree to follow these safeguarding and conduct expectations.